

Council: Tuesday, 21 January 2014

Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Anne Hutton

Consultation on Academies

Council notes that school governing bodies now have the authority to convert into Academies via an Academy Order, with meaningful consultation.

Council believes that along with the legal rights of consultation, that parents must have the final say on the status of their children's school and education provider.

Therefore, Council calls on any Barnet school consulting on whether or not to become an Academy, to hold a referendum via a binding recorded ballot of all parents of children in the affected school - the referendum ballot should take place before the academy order application has been made in respect of each school.

Council asks Cabinet to work with schools to ensure this policy is enforced.

Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.