

**Council: Tuesday, 21 January 2014**

**Non-Executive Business Item:** Councillor Anne Hutton

Amendment in the name of Councillor Reuben Thompstone

Consultation on Academies

Delete all after:

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And replace remainder with:

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Substantive business item to read:

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*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.*