



Leicester  
City Council

**WARDS AFFECTED**  
City-Wide

**FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:**  
Cabinet

**16 June 2003**

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**TRANSFORMING SECONDARY SCHOOLS – REPORT BACK FROM COUNCIL**

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Report of the Town Clerk

At the last meeting of the Cabinet on 22 April 2003, the following was agreed:-

RESOLVED:

- (1) that approval and support be given for a City Academy in the Saffron and Eyres Monsell area and that formal consultation on this proposal begin as soon as practicable;
- (2) that the application of the Islamic Academy for Voluntary Aided status be subject to a full and detailed report, which considered the Academy's views on the Council's principles and their views on teaching and other Trades Unions and in addition, the impact that this provision would have on community cohesion in the City, this report to be prepared for consideration by the Cabinet at its July 2003 meeting;
- (3) that the idea of providing a Key Stage 3 school for West Leicester on the former Wycliffe site be discontinued, but that the Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning be asked to prepare a report on how improvements could be made to the provision of education in West Leicester;
- (4) that, arising from resolutions above, it be requested that more detailed proposals, capable of statutory consultation and with a detailed assessment of the issues raised to date, be developed:
  - having clarified outstanding issues with the DfES and sponsors;
  - having had further discussion with a stakeholder group, the Education Partnership Board and sponsors in the context of the emerging Schools Strategy;
  - having regard to the possibilities arising from a potential Building Schools for the Future bid;
  - following further discussions with local communities in conjunction with 'sponsors'; and

- (5) that officers be requested to pursue a bid to the DfES for funding under the DfES Building Schools for the Future programme, should it be confirmed by the DfES and to progress this in conjunction with the above stakeholder group.

In accordance with Rule 12 of the Cabinet Procedure rules, Councillors Mugglestone (proposer), Johnson (seconder), O'Brien, Scuplak and Thompson objected to the above decision of Cabinet .

The submitted grounds for objection were:-

- '1. The Cabinet's decision that the Islamic Academy's bid to become the first state-funded Islamic faith school in Leicester be subjected to a full and detailed further report is objected to because the need for such a school has been already satisfactorily proved and will be welcomed by many people in Leicester.
2. The Cabinet's decision to support the City Academy School Proposal is objected to because at this time it is not part of a credible City Wide Strategy for raising Education Standards'

A copy of the report is attached.

The City Council, at its meeting on 5 June considered the objection and resolved:-

**RESOLVED:**

that the decisions of the Cabinet in relation to the Transforming Secondary Schools Agenda be referred back to the Cabinet with the recommendation that the L.E.A. be instructed to proceed with the arrangements to make the Islamic Academy the first state-funded Islamic faith school, as agreed by the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee and, in relation to the remainder of the Transforming Secondary Schools Agenda, to consider, in the light of the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee's comments to date whether it is appropriate to proceed with the remainder of the Transforming Secondary Schools Agenda or whether it needs to ask the Scrutiny Committee to give further detailed consideration to specific issues.

### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of Council.

Councillor Johnson  
Cabinet Link Member for Education and  
Lifelong Learning Department