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**FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:
EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
CABINET**

16 JUNE 2003

TRANSFORMING SECONDARY SCHOOLS – ADDENDUM REPORT

Report of the Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report updates Members on the current position regarding the Transforming Schools agenda, and specifically proposals for a City Academy School and for the Leicester Islamic Academy. It then asks Members to consider how they would wish to formally respond to these proposals.

2. Summary

a) City Academy School

The Church of England, in association with a consortium of local businesses, has indicated that it wishes to take on the role of sponsor. The sponsors are now wishing to take forward the work of producing a submission for the DfES and have indicated a desire to work in partnership and with the support of the City Council.

- 2.1 For a successful application to be made to the DfES for an Academy School it will be necessary to demonstrate that the school:
- Has an innovative, motivating curriculum capable of raising standards in the local community
 - Will be an attractive school for pupils
 - Is a school for the local community
 - Has significant benefits in providing for a 3-19 age range
 - Addresses the overall need for school places in the City
 - Fits into the overall strategy for the City and identifies any impact on other schools

2.2 Members need to advise if they would wish further work to be undertaken with the sponsors to enable Members to decide whether they wish to support the proposal. If agreed, a further report would be brought forward as soon as possible. This would include addressing specific issues and concerns for the Council, such as the need to release the Mary Linwood site for use by the Academy School and other financial implications. It would also cover the proposed consultation arrangements.

b) Leicester Islamic Academy

2.3 The Leicester Islamic Academy has indicated that it wishes to progress to statutory consultation in order to become an LEA Voluntary Aided School.

2.4 Members need to advise if they would wish the necessary further work to be undertaken with the sponsors to enable Members to decide whether they wish to support the proposal. If agreed, a further report would be brought forward as soon as possible. This would include considering the implications of such a proposal for other City schools and the LEA's finances, in particular a need for additional Small School Protection funding, and any capital implications, as explained in the main report. It would also cover the proposed statutory consultation arrangements and the requirement to secure the approval of the School Organisation Committee to the proposal.

3. Recommendation

3.1 Cabinet is asked to agree that

- a) Further work be undertaken with the potential sponsors to enable Members to consider whether they wish to support taking forward a submission to the DfES for the establishment of a City Academy school in the south of the City.
- b) A further report be submitted setting out the implications for the City Council.
- c) Further work be undertaken with the Leicester Islamic Academy to enable Members to consider whether they wish to support their proposal to become a Voluntary Aided School.
- d) A further report be submitted setting out the implications for the City Council.

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