

Officer Executive Decisions

Co-Sponsorship of Academies - Bishop of Rochester Academy

On 28 October 2014 the Cabinet considered a report setting out details of government guidance and a changed national approach to academies.

It was explained that Medway Council needed to review the current arrangements as co-sponsor to three academy schools in Medway, so to ensure they were consistent within the new national framework.

The report recommended that Medway ceased to be a co-sponsor of one school Bishop of Rochester Academy (BORA) and take forward a review of co-sponsorship with the other two schools Brompton Academy and Strood Academy.

A copy of the report is available via the following link:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=2958&Ver=4>

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date:

On 28 October 2014 the Cabinet authorised the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member), to take all necessary steps to terminate the Council's sponsorship of the Bishop of Rochester Academy (BORA) and to support BORA to secure a new single sponsor with a strong track record of secondary school improvement. (Decision Number 178/2014)

Decision: Medway Council has now formally withdrawn as a co-sponsorship from Bishop of Rochester Academy, with the Diocese now leading on the transition to new sponsorship arrangements.

Reasons for Decision: In line with the Cabinet decision the Council has reviewed its sponsorship arrangements in line with current Government guidance.

Date of Decision: 19 January 2015.

Officer: Barbara Peacock, Director of Children and Adults Services

Details of any other options considered and rejected: This delegation actions the Cabinet decision. The report to Cabinet considered the options available and recommended that the Local Authority is proactive in reviewing the tripartite sponsorship arrangement at BORA and supports the school to find a single sponsor with a strong track record of secondary school improvement.

Conflicts of Interest: None.