

Officer Executive Decisions

Co-Sponsorship of Academies

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:

i) review the co- sponsorship arrangements at Brompton Academy and Strood Academy, to consider the withdrawal of the Local Authority's sponsorship in the most timely way to meet the new national framework around Local Authority sponsorship of academy schools. This review will need to be undertaken with the other sponsors and the Governing Bodies of both academies. The review will take place over the next academic term and;

ii) take all necessary steps to implement the outcome of this review.

Decision Number 179/2014 refers

Decisions:

- a) Medway Council has now formally withdrawn as a co-sponsorship from Strood Academy.
- b) It has also been agreed that the Council will remain sponsor at Brompton Academy.

[Please note that a record of decisions in relation to the decisions concerning The Bishop of Rochester Academy can be viewed here:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=406&MId=3143&Ver=4>]

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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: 17 December 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 sponsorship arrangement at Strood Academy.

Conflicts of Interest: None