

Extract from Full Governors' Meeting on 9 December 2010.

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>CONSIDERATION OF ACADEMY STATUS</b></p> <p>Governors discussed the paper updating Governors on Academy.</p> <p>It was noted that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. The Chairs of Governors and Headteachers of the 14 secondary schools in Sutton have met and agreed to continue to investigate collective academy status.</li><li>ii. The Department for Education has confirmed that it would be possible for all Sutton's secondary schools to become academies collectively, but maintaining their autonomy as separate academies, subject to them signing up to a partnership agreement that included a commitment to support each other, and that this could be achieved by September 2011.</li><li>iii. The Chairs and Headteachers had reaffirmed their commitment to continue to work in partnership with each other and with the local authority for the benefit of all their students and the young people of Sutton; and that they are keen to preserve the good working relationships between their schools and to continue to support each other; to ensure that disadvantaged students and those with special needs are properly provided for; and that some schools are not 'left behind' as others become academies.</li><li>iv. Submitting an initial application to become an academy is not a binding decision, and any school can withdraw its application up until the point of signing the agreement with the Secretary of State.</li></ol> <p>The Governing Body :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Agreed to submit an initial application to become an academy.</li><li>b. Reaffirmed its commitment to continue to work in partnership with the other secondary and special schools in the borough and with the local authority for the benefit of all their students and the young people of Sutton.</li><li>c. Resolved that if it were to become an academy, it will maintain the existing character of the school and its existing admission arrangements, and will not depart from nationally agreed pay and conditions for existing and new staff.</li><li>d. Noted that a final decision on academy status will be taken by the Governing Body following consultation with staff, parents and the wider community.</li></ol>
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