

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP****ACADEMIES**

“This council is opposed in principle to academy status and is therefore concerned that one of our secondary schools, Hove Park, is considering opting to become an academy.

This council believes that a policy to privatise education removes the ability of the local authority to fulfil its statutory duty of planning school places and supporting school improvement.

This council recognises the improvements that have been made in all its schools, and support parents and unions in calling for our community’s schools to remain under the democratic aegis of the local authority.”

Proposed by: Councillor Shanks                      Seconded by: Councillor Phillips

Supported by: Councillors Buckley, Bowden, Davey, Deane, Duncan, Hawtree, Jarrett, Jones, Kennedy, A Kitcat, J Kitcat, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Powell, Randall, Rufus, Sykes, Wakefield and West.

**Supporting Information:**

The current government has expanded the academies programme created by the previous government, including stipulating that all new schools must be academies or free schools.

After the first year of conversion academies can set their own admissions criteria. This makes planning school places very difficult and has knock-on effects on surrounding schools. Academies are also able to opt out of agreed terms and conditions for staff, set their own curriculum, and have educational priorities set by corporate sponsors.