

NOTICE OF MOTION
CONSERVATIVE GROUP
DIVERSITY OF SCHOOLS

This Council

- a) Requests the Chair of the Children, Young People & Skills Committee to write to the Head Teachers' of all the city's excellent Academies, Free Schools and Faith Schools reassuring them that they will remain a key part of the city's diverse "family of schools" into the future; and
- b) Asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition explaining the vital role that these schools play in helping all the city's children and young people to achieve their goals and ambitions.

Proposed by: Councillor Brown

Seconded by: Councillor Wealls

Supported by: Conservative Group of Councillors

Supporting information:

This Council believes that the provision of our diverse range of schools is vital in terms of meeting the wide-ranging needs and aspirations of children and young people in the city and in providing greater choice for their parents.

Therefore, this Council notes with grave concern the impact that the recent re-election of the Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition will have on the education policy of the City Council's Labour Administration. Of particular concern is the future of the city's Academies, Free Schools and Faith Schools, all of which the Leader of the Opposition has said he would like to abolish. Given recent statements from senior figures in the Administration that the Leader of the Opposition now has "a clear mandate" to lead the Party, these schools would be forgiven for thinking that, at the very least, the Labour Administration feels they are not welcome in this city.

