

Children and Young People Select Committee			
Title	Leathersellers' Consultation		
Contributor	Scrutiny Manager	Item	4
Class	Part 1 (Open)	13 May 2015	

### Reasons for lateness and Urgency:

The consultation process ends on 8 June 2015. Therefore, in order for the Children and Young People Select Committee to have an opportunity to input into the consultation prior to this date, this needs to be discussed at the committee meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015. In accordance with the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity 2011 issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government, it was deemed that it would not be appropriate to include information on the consultation or discuss this at a meeting prior to the general election on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 and therefore documentation has only been published by the Council after this date.

#### 1. Purpose

To provide committee members with details of the Consultation on a proposed change of Prendergast School, Prendergast Vale School and Prendergast Ladywell School to Academy Status

#### 2. Summary

2.1 The Children and Young People Select Committee is being asked to look at the attached consultation document and the link to the consultation documentation on the Leathersellers' Schools' website as part of the consultation process.

#### 3. Recommendations

3.1 The Committee is asked to:

- Consider the consultation documents from the Leathersellers' Federation governing body about Academy conversion
- Agree that, if possible, the Committee's views be included in a single Local Authority response to the consultation

#### 4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising specifically from this report.

#### 5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Academies Act 2010 requires that before a maintained school enters into Academy arrangements with the Secretary of State there must be consultation with

such persons as the consuler considers appropriate on whether arrangements should be entered into. The Academies Act 2010 contains no provision on the scope of the consultation required (such as duration of the consultation or the particular persons or organisations to be consulted) , however DfE Guidance on Academy conversion advises that consultation should include consultation with local bodies or groups having strong links with the school.

## **6. Equalities Implications**

- 6.1 The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.2 The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
  - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

## **Background Documents**

### **Appendix A – Leathersellers’ Consultation Letter - 20 March 2015**

#### **Lethersellers’ Consultation Website**

<http://www.leathersellers-federation.com/206/mat-consultation-papers>

