
SCHOOLS CONVERTING TO ACADEMY STATUS

**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Cyndi Hughes,
Children and Young People Portfolio**

Responsible Director - Murray Rose, Director of People

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek to extend the delegation given to the Directors of People and Resources to negotiate transfers of schools to academy status.

Summary

2. Cabinet on 21 June 2011 considered a report (copy attached at **Appendix A**) and agreed delegation of to the Directors of People and Resources to negotiate transfers of schools to academy status. The delegation related only to those schools listed in Appendix to the report. Further schools are now seeking academy status and it is requested that the original delegation is extended to allow officers to deal with current applications and any further applications.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that Cabinet delegates powers to be Directors of People and Resources to liaise with the Department for Education and Governing bodies of schools converting to academy status and to agree the transfer arrangements to complete any requisite transfers of land, in line with the Secretary of State's direction.

Reasons

4. To comply with a direction to the Council to carry out these actions by the Secretary of State for Education.

**Paul Wildsmith
Director of Resources**

**Murray Rose
Director of People**

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no issues arising from this report
Health and Well Being	There are no issues arising from this report
Carbon Impact	There are no issues arising from this report
Diversity	There are no issues arising directly from this report. Darlington has a diversity of secondary school provision, including one existing Academy, voluntary aided schools and community schools.
Wards Affected	All wards in Darlington
Groups Affected	Pupils aged 11-16 and their families Staff at the schools concerned
Budget and Policy Framework	Reductions to the DSG will be made following the conversion of each Academy.
Key Decision	Yes
Urgent Decision	No
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There are no issues arising from this report
Efficiency	There are no issues arising from this report

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

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