

MAYORS' EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

Friday, 2 December 2011

Mayor's Decision Log No. 010

1. ACADEMY CONVERSION: SIR WILLIAM BURROUGH AND BETHNAL GREEN TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE (Pages 1 - 12)

The Mayor has authorised officers to complete the documentation to transfer land, staff and assets in relation to Academies at Sir William Burrough primary school and Bethnal Green Technology College created by the Secretary of State for Education. For full details of the Mayor's decisions, please see the attached report.

In approving the recommendations in the report, the Mayor has recorded the following statement:-

"I am strongly opposed to the creation of Academy Schools, the Council's Education service has achieved excellent results in improving school performance and achievements. However I am advised that I have no viable legal opportunity to challenge this process and therefore my authority is limited to that set out in the recommendations. However under para 8.4 [Negotiable Terms] I have insisted that the Council safeguard and maximise community use of these buildings in the leases. On that basis I agree the recommendations."

Please note that for the reasons set out in the report the Mayor's decision on this matter must be implemented urgently. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has confirmed that she is satisfied that the decision cannot reasonably be deferred and therefore in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17 the attached decision is not subject to the call-in process.

If you require any further information relating to this decision, would like to request a large print, Braille or audio version of this document or any other special requirements, please contact: John S. Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services

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