

By reason of the special circumstances, and in accordance with section 100B(4)(b) of the 1972 Act, the Chair of the meeting has been consulted and is of the opinion that this item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency for the following reason, that following the publication of the decision by the Regional Schools Commissioner, it was felt that the committee should be given an opportunity to consider a response to the announcement that had been made after the publication of the agenda.

NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR AND GREEN GROUPS

ACADEMISATION OF MOULSECOMB PRIMARY

This Committee notes that an order for academisation of Moulsecoomb Primary School was imposed by the Regional School's Commissioner on behalf of the Secretary of State. On the conversion date Brighton & Hove City Council shall cease to maintain the school and will be forced to transfer land and buildings occupied by the school to an academy trust chosen by the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) on behalf of the Department of Education.

This Committee notes the extensive support being provided to the School by the Council and does not believe that an Academy sponsor is necessary to improve the standards of the school.

This committee opposes the privatisation of schools, and the imposition of academy orders against the will of the local community.

The Committee instructs the officers to conduct a ballot of parents and carers of children on roll at Moulsecoomb Primary School on the question of whether they are in favour of or oppose the forced conversion of the School to an academy trust selected by the Regional Schools Commissioner. The result of the ballot should be shared with the Regional Schools Commissioner and will be published on the council website and communicated to parents.

The Committee notes the efforts being made to improve the standards of the school and calls upon the Regional Schools Commissioner to consider improved standards as grounds for revoking the order.

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Supporting information

