

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR GROUP****MOULSECOOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL SPONSOR**

This council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education to outline the following points regarding the proposed academisation of Moulsecoomb Primary School:

- 1) This Council notes with concern the proposed sponsor (that was selected without any consultation with the governing body or parents), New Horizons Academy Trust's, poor record on improving other schools and wishes to highlight uncovered documents that show that NHAT has already acknowledged that Brighton & Hove Council and current Headteacher at Moulsecoomb is rapidly improving the school¹.
- 2) This Council stands with and respects the views of the parents, carers, teachers, unions and children of Moulsecoomb Primary. We respect their voice and their opposition to the academisation plan, as evidenced by the 96% parental ballot rejecting it and the subsequent industrial action.
- 3) This Council notes the local cross-party opposition to these academisation plans.
- 4) This Council urges Ofsted to reinspect the school, to provide an opportunity to evidence the improvements it has made since the previous inspection.
- 5) This Council urges the Secretary of State to revoke the academisation order.

Proposed by: Cllr Knight

Seconded by: Cllr Childs

Supporting Information:

The Council notes the school's improvement. The council now has a significant amount of evidence of improvement demonstrating the school is not 'inadequate'. This includes improved attendance and outcome data at all key stages. Notes of visits from National Leaders of Education and experienced school partnership advisers comment on improvements in teaching and learning and behaviour for learning. This Council believes that only the Local Authority has the capacity and the resources, including support from Good and Outstanding schools across the city to support this school longer term. This council is confident that the school has improved to the extent that academisation is unnecessary and that a reinspection by Ofsted would reflect this.

¹<https://www.brightonandhovenews.org/2019/11/25/moulsecoomb-sponsor-questioned-school-improvements-newly-released-emails-show/>

