COUNCIL	Agenda Item 52(b)
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NOTICE OF MOTION

LABOUR GROUP

SUPPORT CONSIDERATION OF A NEW CO-OPERATIVE TRUST PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR HOVE.

"Co-operative Trust Schools are becoming an increasingly popular way of raising school standards through developing partnerships, helping to engage the local community and strengthening the curriculum through the shared co-operative values of self help, self responsibility, democracy, equity and community solidarity. They can help raise aspirations and standards, ensure that parents have more choice of good local schools and have a greater say in the running of their schools through better democratic participation.

There are now 240 Co-op Trust schools operating in the UK with five Primary Schools in Doncaster being included within the Trust Schools Programme in October 2009, supported by Government funding to become established. The Trust School model is flexible, allowing schools and their governing bodies to build a Trust that meets their specific needs.

This council therefore calls on the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to:

(1) Recognise that the Co-operative Trust School model incorporates values and principals that would benefit children, parents and communities in the city;

(2) Commits to giving serious consideration to the establishment of a Co-operative Primary School when seeking to provide a new Primary School in Hove; and

(3) Considers how the Co-operative Trust School Programme could generally enhance cross-sector educational provision in Brighton and Hove, particularly in respect of poorly performing schools.

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