

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP****ACADEMIES**

This council expresses its concern regarding attempts to convert local schools into Academies, and welcomes steps to prevent this as far as reasonably practical while upholding its legal obligations

The council requests that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Education:

- Setting out the improvements that have been made in all Brighton & Hove schools, and the important role of democratic oversight of state-maintained schools in the city in facilitating school improvement across the board.
- Calling on the Government to abandon its policy of forcing schools to become academies and to work with parents, governors, teachers and students themselves to continue to raise standards for Brighton and Hove.

Proposed by: Councillor Phillips

Seconded by: Councillor Mac Cafferty

*Supporting information:*

The Government's threats to force schools in Brighton and Hove to become academies are undemocratic and threaten to reverse many of the improvements made in schools in the last year. These forced changes are opposed by parents, governors, teachers and students themselves at those schools. Maintaining and improving high standards in schools is vitally important but the most successful approaches work with the school community. Our schools recorded their best ever GCSE results in 2015, this was not because all our schools were academies.

Parents and unions have been calling for our community's schools to remain under local authority control. The 'Hands of Our Schools' campaign has given expression to this. This Council aims to continue to facilitate partnership-working to improve the quality of all our schools.

