

**Extract of Minute of the County Council's Executive of 6 September 2011  
in connection with LCC's leadership Role in Education**

33. **THE COUNCIL'S LEADERSHIP OF EDUCATION**

A report from the Executive Director Adults and Children's was considered, which invited the Executive to consider how the Council could fulfil its leadership role both as champion of education excellence and as provider of support services to schools within a changing education system.

The Executive Councillor for Children's Services and Adult Learning introduced the report to the Executive and in doing so, reiterated that Lincolnshire County Council remained strongly committed to working in partnership with all schools and academies and valued the close working relationship it had with them.

The Assistant Director for Children's Services and Assistant Director of Children's Services and CfBT Director of School Improvement Service presented the report to the Executive and made particular reference to Lincolnshire being one of the highest performing authorities nationally across both primary and secondary phases. This had been achieved through integrated working across the School Improvement Service and wider Children's Services and through supporting a variety of collaborations and federations which had improved standards year on year across the county. The Council had demonstrated its commitment to the academy programme since 2006 and, to recognise this, Lincolnshire had received approximately £160 million in capital investment through the academy programme. At present, approximately 55% of the secondary sector had achieved academy status and there were only two/three schools not interested in moving over. It was expected that by April 2012, the vast majority of secondary schools would have achieved academy status. There were also approximately eleven percent of primary aged pupils now educated in academies.

It was noted that on 26 July 2011, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee considered a report with regards to the Council's Leadership of Education. Following consideration of the report, the Committee agreed that the Executive should be recommended to support option three, as set out within the scrutiny report.

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions, where the following points were noted: -

- A discussion took place regarding 'academies with selection'. The Executive was advised that if an academy with selection would like to change its admissions policy it was required to consult with the Lincolnshire Consortium;
- Lincolnshire County Council determined the designated transport areas within the county for home to school transport. Although academies were able to vary its school day and term times, the Council would not be in a position to change its home to school transport arrangements as this would impact on other schools and the Local Authority's budget.

## RESOLVED

That Option 3; 'the Local Authority to encourage all schools to join a single Trust through CfBT', be supported.

Note: This option would encourage all schools to become Academies through the CfBT Academies Trust as CfBT is a sponsor who would seek to preserve local schools, provide an infrastructure of support services to all schools and maintain a commitment to the wider school community. Although CfBT is the only provider currently who has confirmed this commitment, the Council would not express any preference between CfBT and any other provider who had confirmed a similar commitment and had evidenced its ability to deliver.