

NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCIL MEETING – 14th November 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pugh

Seconded by: Councillor TBC

School Academies

This Council

(1) Notes the sharp increase in local schools seeking and gaining academy status and the detrimental impact on the council's budget and ability to provide statutory services and special needs provision

(2) Believes that the current direction of travel both locally and nationally leads to a less accountable and less manageable and more wasteful education system

And therefore, request the Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson informing her of the difficulties experienced by this and other councils to review current legislation in order to achieve greater efficiency and better transparency and accountability, and ensure that money intended by the taxpayer to support children's education is wisely spent.