

TITLE	Establishing a Wokingham Multi-Academy Trust
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children’s Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 13 September 2016
WARD	None specific
DIRECTOR	Judith Ramsden, Director of Children’s Services

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Clarity in the management of partnership arrangements for schools
Supporting school improvement in a new national context

RECOMMENDATION

The committee is recommended to support proposals for exploration of the process of establishing a Wokingham Multi Academy trust to be undertaken the member/officer working group proposed in the attached Executive report.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The annexed report was approved by the council’s Executive Committee on 28 July. The Executive report contains a summary of the national and local factors leading to the proposal to take forward the exploration of a Multi Academy Trust for Wokingham schools.

Background

See Annex

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	See Annex		Revenue

Next Financial Year (Year 2)	See Annex	Revenue
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	See Annex	Revenue

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

Cross-Council Implications

n/a

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

n/a

List of Background Papers

Annex

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