

Letter to Consultees Andrew Marvell Business & Enterprise College

15th June 2007

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION
Changing to Foundation School Status and
Acquiring a Charitable Trust**

Dear Consultee,

Andrew Marvell Business & Enterprise College (AMBEC) is thinking about becoming a Trust School and the Governing Body has passed a resolution to consult about acquiring Trust status and changing from a Community school to a Foundation School - this letter is to explain our ideas and proposals as part of our consultation process and to ask for your views.

We are also enclosing the Executive Summary of our consultation document Booklet 1 'Changing to Foundation School Status and Acquiring a Charitable Trust' for your information.

Our Proposed Trust

Trust schools are a new kind of maintained state school - part of the Local Authority system, but supported by a charitable Trust that will appoint some, but not a majority, of the governors. The Governing Body will continue to run the school and be responsible for its performance and Mr McCready and his successor will continue as Head Teacher. We shall still maintain our strengths as a local comprehensive secondary school, serving our local community and as part of the local authority family of schools.

The Governors of Andrew Marvell Business & Enterprise College are proposing to establish through a Trust a long-term partnership that will bring together businesses, Pre-school providers, Primary schools, Wilberforce Sixth-Form College, Hull College, Hull University Business School, the LSC, the local PCT, the Community Farm, PROBE, Sport & Leisure providers, AMBEC and the Co-operative Group and Co-operative College. The long-term partnership with the Co-operative Group and the Co-operative College will be built upon by this new relationship by endeavouring to provide continuity and stability for the Trust.

Why should AMBEC consider acquiring a Trust and changing to Foundation status?

This partnership will devote itself to raising Community aspirations through valuing Education and thereby embedding lifelong learning and lifelong earning in the Community that will enable regeneration and therefore benefit all members of the Community. The intention is to provide a continuum of educational and vocational opportunity for individuals and family members from birth and through retirement. Each member will bring benefits to the Trust and the Community and derive mutual benefit from being a member of the Trust with the totality of the contributions from members bringing benefits to the Community exceeding the sum of the individual parts. The added value our Trust and external partners bring will be seen in terms of:

- Raising aspirations through embedding the value of Education in the Community
- A global perspective rooted in co-operative values
- Providing lifelong learning and earning opportunities
- Empowering learners and promoting active citizenship
- Membership open to parents and (subject to legal constraints) staff
- Synergistic relationships between partners
- Opportunities for individual portfolios
- Creating an environment where all learners of any age have access to and support for a wider range of learning opportunities

How can I find out more information?

The College has produced two booklets that provide further information:

1. Booklet 1 'Changing to Foundation School Status and Acquiring a Charitable Trust' (The executive summary of this document is included with this letter and a full copy is available upon request to the College).
2. Booklet 2 'Changing to Foundation School Status and Acquiring a Charitable Trust - Questions & Answers' (This booklet is available upon request from the College).

All information is available on the College website www.andrew-marvell.com

Consultation Process

Please let us know what you think about the proposal. You can send back our consultation questionnaire which is included with this letter, or write to us at the school (the address is on the front page of this letter);

You can comment at any time until Friday 20th July 2007. The governors will review all the comments and will decide whether to go ahead (and whether to amend the proposals to reflect your suggestions and concerns). There will be another chance to comment on any formal proposals which might be made during the summer term before, a final decision is made.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr B Jacobs
Chair of Governors