

WEST JOINT COMMITTEE SUB GROUP

7 November 2008

*Held at Council Chamber, Elizabeth House, Stratford-upon-Avon
Meeting commenced : 3.30 pm Meeting ended: 4.15 pm*

Present: Councillor Sir William Lawrence Bt G Atkinson, H McCarthy, M Weddell and H Wright

Apologies: Councillor P Beaman and N Knapman

40. Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Weddell declared a Personal Interest in Minute 41 as a Governor of Studley High School.

Councillor McCarthy declared a Personal Interest in Minute 41 as her husband was a Governor of Studley High School.

41. Studley High School, Humanities and Music College - Trust Status

Consideration was given to the Studley High School's application for Trust Status.

After a detailed introduction by the Head Teacher of the School, the Sub-Group was invited to ask any questions or comment upon the application, during which, the following were noted:

- the granting of Trust Status would enable the development of deeper and more sustainable partnerships;
- the students' personal learning, development and aspirations would benefit from commercial partnerships, including the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra;
- Trust status would open up opportunities for the school to access a variety of grant funding; and
- the creation of a 'self-help' attitude within the school, would encourage more autonomy in its development by management.

Having regard to the above, it was proposed by Councillor Atkinson and seconded by Councillor McCarthy and subsequently

RESOLVED:

That the Sub-Group, on behalf of the West Joint Committee support the ambition by Studley High School for Trust status on the grounds that such status would be beneficial in management terms and achieve enduring benefits for the school and its responsibilities.

CHAIRMAN