

Consultation

Consultation on the proposal was initially undertaken in June 2007 as part of the secondary re-organisation. A second phase of consultation was undertaken in November 2007.

The consultation on the statutory notice commenced on 3rd July 2008 and finished on 14th August 2008.

The following people were consulted as part of the consultation:

- The general public of Halton;
- Staff and governors of St Chad's Catholic High School;
- Chair of Governors of all Runcorn Schools;
- Trade Unions;
- Executive Board
- Other Neighbouring Authorities;
- Diocesan Authorities;
- Health Authority;
- Alliance Board;
- PCT staff;
- Other departments within the Council;
- Learning and Skills Council;
- Riverside College;
- Members of Parliament; and others.

The minutes of both consultation meetings have been made available to everyone during the consultation through the website, the meetings were as follows:

St Chad's Catholic High – 09th July – 1 meeting with school staff

St Chad's Catholic High – 09th July – 1 meeting with the general public

The two meetings outlined the objectives of the proposal and the government's requirements and provided the opportunity for questions and concerns to be raised. Everyone was advised that the notes from each meeting would be published on the BSF website.

The response to the consultation is summarised below:

- The majority of St Chad's Staff, and 15 members of the public attended the consultation meetings
- No responses to the Statutory Notice were received.

- Letters were sent to all parents and governors detailing the date, time and venue of the consultation meeting. In addition, the public meeting was widely advertised through the local press, and posters were displayed at St Chad's Catholic High; all Children's Centres, Community Centres, Direct Links and the library, within the Runcorn area.
- A staff meeting and a public consultation meeting was held in St Chad's Catholic school.

The majority of St Chad's Staff, and 15 members of the public attended the consultation meetings, however, no responses were received regarding the proposal.

Copies of the presentation used for the consultation have been placed on the website and copies can be provided on request.

Copies of the letter sent by St Chad's Catholic High, to all those consulted are available along with a copy of the statutory notice. The consultation information was posted, distributed to Runcorn schools, placed at key information points such as Children's Centres, Community Centres, Direct Links and also on the website.