

MOTION

Please see below a slight change to point 2 of the proposed motion from Councillor Julia Baker-Smith

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This Council is appalled at the recent behaviour of the AET Academy Chain in relation to Sandown Academy School. The School is a valuable and important part of the education system on the Isle of Wight and secondary education provision needs to be retained, preserved and promoted in the Bay Area.

In light of the behaviour of AET and the concerns this gives rise to this Council resolves to take such steps as it can to;

1. Approach the relevant Government Office to demand that AET be removed from the role of managing any school on the Isle of Wight.
2. To take steps to either establish or promote and encourage the establishment of an accountable body to take on the management and running of a school on the Sandown Bay site.

Councillor Chris Whitehouse has also given notice that at the meeting he will move the following amendment to the above motion:

At end add:

“Further, this Council salutes the students of Sandown Bay Academy on their stalwart defence of their school; praises the parents for their passion and perseverance in promoting the need for secondary education in Sandown; welcomes the support from the staff of the school, teaching and non-teaching alike, for the need to resist AET’s proposed merger of the school with Ryde and to end secondary education in Sandown; and expresses its renewed commitment to do all in its power to ensure that secondary education is retained in Sandown for the students of Sandown Bay Academy and for future generations of local children.”