E-mail submission from Noel-Baker Community School and Language College – received 12 October 2007

My Senior Team regard the inclusion of Academies in the city's BSF proposals as a 'necessary evil' if the city is to benefit from the available funding. We would prefer there to be one or two academies rather than three or four. As a school we strongly believe that the growing strength of collaboration between city secondary schools must be maintained whatever the outcomes of Choice and Diversity and we undertake to work openly with all other 11-16/18 providers whatever their status.

I am confident that these views have the full support of my Governing Body.

Paul Davies Headteacher Noel-Baker Community School and Language College

Nota bene: Mr Davies explained that he would be unavailable to attend on 24 October.