

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>School Academies</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 January 2011

**Purpose of Report:** To outline the proposed Terms of Reference and scope for a review into the effect of schools becoming Academies on the capacity of the Local Education Authority.

**Recommended Action:** To agree the proposed Terms of Reference.

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# Executive Report

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Academies Act 2010 aims to make it possible for all publicly-funded schools in England to become academies, still publicly-funded but with a vastly increased degree of autonomy in issues such as the setting of teachers' wages and diverging from the National Curriculum.
- 1.2 This report proposes that a review be carried out into the effect of schools becoming Academies on the capacity of the Local Education Authority. It outlines proposed Terms of Reference and presents a suggested methodology.

## 2. Proposed Terms of Reference

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission conducts a review into the effect of schools becoming Academies on the capacity of the Local Education Authority, and specifically to:
- (1) understand the scope and range of the powers allowed to schools under the Academies Act 2010;
  - (2) assess the immediate and likely take up within West Berkshire;
  - (3) evaluate the effect of schools' action on the capacity and capability of the Local Education Authority; and
  - (4) report to the Executive with recommendations.

## 3. Methodology

- 3.1 It is proposed that the review is carried out by the Stronger Communities Select Committee, either through examination at a scheduled meeting or by the establishment of a task group.

## 4. Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Commission agrees the Terms of Reference for the review.

## Appendices

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There are no Appendices to this report.

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