

Motion to Cheshire East Council on Cheshire County Council TLC Programme

The Cheshire East Shadow Authority believes that one of its most important responsibilities will be to provide a full range of educational opportunities to people of all ages throughout their lives who live and work and learn within its borders.

Accordingly this Council is disappointed in the actions of Cheshire County Council with regard to the planned provision of education for primary school children in Bollington. The Cheshire East Shadow Authority was consulted on this proposed closure in July 2008. Our Cheshire East Authority will be responsible for carrying out any school closures planned by Cheshire County Council for 2009.

This Authority recommended that St. John's Voluntary Aided Church of England School in Bollington should be federated with another school and that Governing Bodies should be given the opportunity and time to explore this possibility. Cheshire County Council has informed parents that there are plans to close the school in 2009 contrary to the advice of Cheshire East.

We therefore call upon the Executive Member for Children's Services and the Cabinet to state clearly that under no circumstances will they close St. John's School in 2009.

We further call on the Executive Member and the Cabinet to work with Cheshire County Council to support the governing bodies of schools in Bollington to come to a local solution involving federation between schools which is the stated policy of the Cheshire East Authority.