

Conservative Amendment to Motion No.4 Academies

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Amendment proposed by Councillor R Gooding, Cabinet Member for Education and seconded by Councillor A Ball, Deputy Cabinet Member for Education.

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