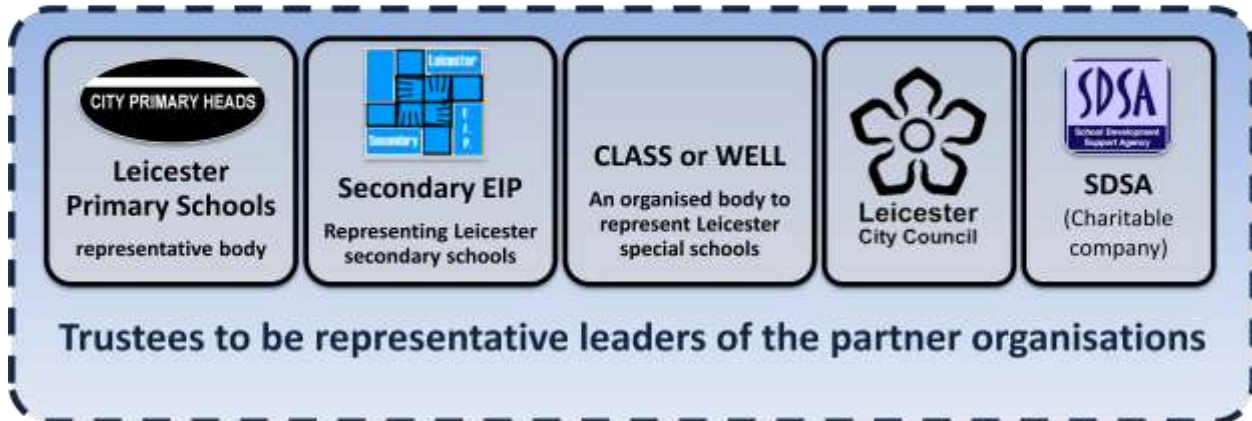


Leicester Schools Trust

An inclusive charitable organisation to represent the collective interests (through schools) of Leicester's children and young people

Trustees: CPH, the secondary EIP, CLASS/WELL, LCC and SDSA



Trustees to be representative leaders of the partner organisations

A possible means for Leicester's schools to work together within a legally constituted organisation, to be commissioned and to commission services to improve the life chances for children and young people across the city.

What Leicester Schools Trust would mean for schools



- The schools' **ORGANISATIONS** would become members of the Trust, not individual schools
- No change of status or decision would therefore be required by separate school governing bodies
- The challenge to each organisation would be to persuade schools to remain contributory members and try to retain and develop a strong sense of commitment to 'One Leicester'
- The Trust would provide schools with a legal entity that could act on their behalf to secure and provide services
- It is proposed that elected officers of the organisations would become the Trustees, ie 5 or 6 and so in the majority

What Leicester Schools Trust would mean for the SDSA



- The SDSA could serve as the business arm of the charitable trust, providing it with the company trading status it would require
- SDSA could host any employment that the Trust or its partner organisations create. NB Pam Weston, the Strategic Primary Lead Headteacher is already employed by SDSA for CPH.
- SDSA would offer the Trust capacity to deliver and manage its projects
- SDSA could fulfil a fund-seeking role for the Trust
- The Chief Exec of the SDSA would probably be a Trustee

What Leicester Schools Trust would mean for Leicester City Council



- Rachel Dickinson is keen that the City Council (herself?) might become one of the trustees
- LCC having a seat on the board would provide confidence in the Trust as a vehicle through which services could be commissioned
- The Trust would provide a means to do city-wide business on behalf of all of Leicester's school pupils
- If the policy changes to Direct Schools Grant and Schools Forum proceed as indicated, the Trust could provide a means for schools to still work together as *they* choose on a city-wide basis