

Statutory Notice: of the Proposed Dissolution of Ashton Sixth Form College

This notice is given by the Corporation of Ashton Sixth Form College in accordance with The Sixth Form College Corporations' (Publication of Proposals) (England) Regulations 2012 and the provisions of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (the Act) as amended by the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 and the Education Act 2011, of the proposal that Ashton Sixth Form College (Darnton Road, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire, OL6 9RL) be dissolved and the property, rights, assets and liabilities of the Corporation transferred to a new Academy Trust, the proposed name of which is to be The Stamford Park Trust (proposed registered office address to be: Ashton Sixth Form College, Darnton Road, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire, OL6 9RL).

The Corporation proposes dissolution in order to form a new 16-19 academy to be part of The Stamford Park Trust, a new multi-academy trust to be formed with schools from the local area joining in due course.

Ashton Sixth Form College provides sixth form education for 16-18 year old students across a wide curriculum comprising A level, Applied General Qualifications, Level Two BTEC qualifications and GCSEs in English, mathematics and science. In addition, the College offers courses to adults through a SFA contract and delivers higher education courses through franchising arrangements with local universities and direct HFCE funding. The current number of students is 2278, of which 1914 are full time and 364 are part time.

The date proposed for the dissolution of Ashton Sixth Form College as a designated Sixth Form College Corporation and the creation of Ashton Sixth Form College as a 16-19 academy is the 1st September 2017. All students currently attending Ashton Sixth Form College will continue their education in the new 16 – 19 academy. There are no plans to alter the education provision currently provided by Ashton Sixth Form College.

A copy of the consultation document relating to these proposals is available free of charge at www.asfc.ac.uk/consultation or via an email to consultation@asfc.ac.uk; and will be sent to anyone who requests it.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, consultation on these proposals will run from 24th April 2017 to 26th May 2017. All responses and representations must be made by 26th May 2017. A summary of the consultation and its outcome will be published within two months beginning on the date after the end of the consultation period and the summary will be available free of charge to anyone who requests it.