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**Decision Taker:** School Organisation  
Committee of Cabinet

**Appropriate Review  
Committee:**  
Children, Young People and  
Learning

**Date decision in force:**

16/Dec/2009

**Date of decision:**

04/Dec/2009

**Full description of decision:**

The Committee rejected the proposal from Houghton Kepier Sports College to increase the upper age limit of the school in order to establish a sixth form.

**Reasons for decision:**

The Committee took into account the strong objections to the proposal together with the support for the proposal from staff, pupils and parents. The Committee considered that the existing collaborative arrangements for sixth form provision across the City provided a high standard, sustainable provision where there was diversity and choice and which was accessible from the Houghton/Hetton area by free transportation. It was not considered that the proposal would raise standards or increase choice and could in fact jeopardise choice and standards provided by the existing partnership working.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

None. If the proposal was not determined by the Authority by 9 December 2009 then it would be referred to the Schools Adjudicator for determination.

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Governing Body Proposal to Increase the Upper Age Limit to Establish a Sixth Form at Houghton Kepier Sports College, Chief Solicitor

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** No

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None