

Nottinghamshire County Council
Canvassing opinion of Local Maintained Schools
Risk Protection Arrangements

On the 1 April 2020 the Department for Education extended the Risk Protection Arrangement scheme for Academies to Local Authority Maintained Schools (LAMS). As the Council and its LAMS are tied in to a Long-Term Agreement (LTA) with Zurich Municipal until April 2022 the Council will not be able to permit LAMS to join the scheme until after the LTA has expired.

The Council recognises however that there is some interest amongst schools in joining the RPA and therefore the Council is looking to consult with all maintained schools to determine whether post April 2022 LAMS will be insured by the Council or through the RPA scheme.

The terms of LAMS leaving the Council's insurance arrangements to join the RPA scheme will be on an 'all in' or 'all out' basis. This means that the majority vote will decide whether all schools will continue to have their insurance arranged by the Council or whether all schools will apply to join the RPA post April 2022. The Council will not be able to accommodate individual schools opting in and out of the Council's insurance arrangements.

The attached report and accompanying documents (RPA Membership Rules for LAMS and NCC Platinum Insurance Policy Wording) aim to provide further information about the Council's current insurance arrangements and how these compare to the RPA scheme to enable headteachers and schools' governing bodies to make an informed decision.

Having had an opportunity to review the report and supporting documents, headteachers will then be asked to indicate their school's preference for how cover is to be provided post April 2022, either through the existing Council's insurance arrangements or by joining the RPA.

The consultation period will commence on the ***** and will expire on the *****.