Academisation Consultation Report

Gateway College
January 2020

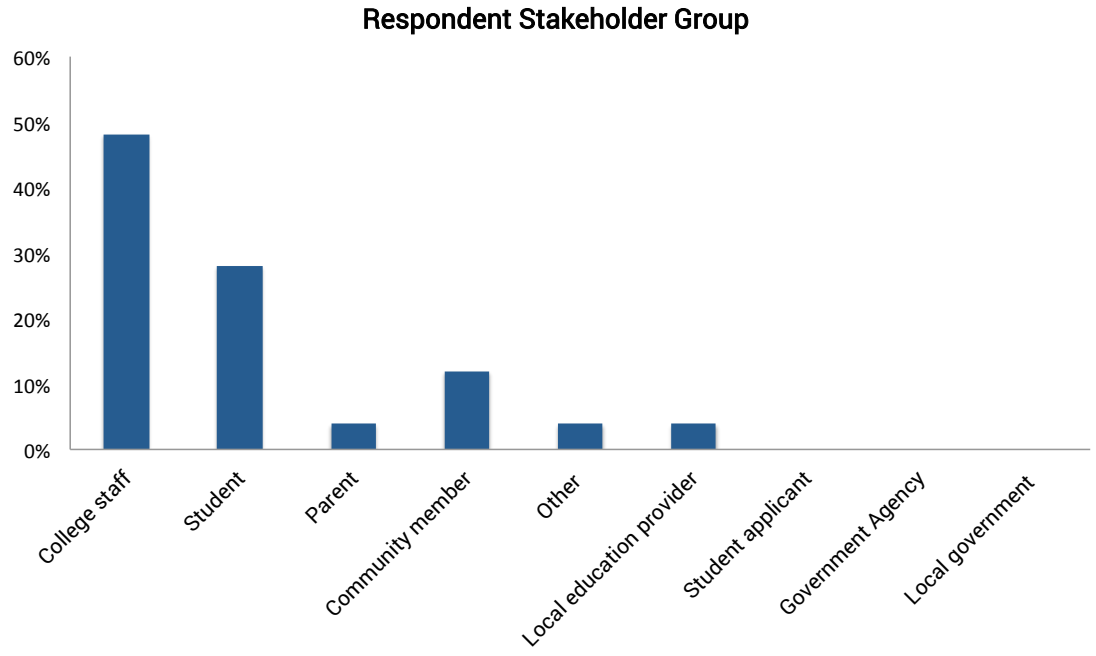
1.0 INTRODUCTION

This short report provides a summary of the consultation outcomes in respect of Gateway College Governing Body's proposal to dissolve the corporation and simultaneously enter into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Education in order to become a 16-19 academy and part of the Better Futures Multi Academy Trust.

The consultation commenced on 1 October 2019 and closed on the 12 November 2019.

2.0 CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

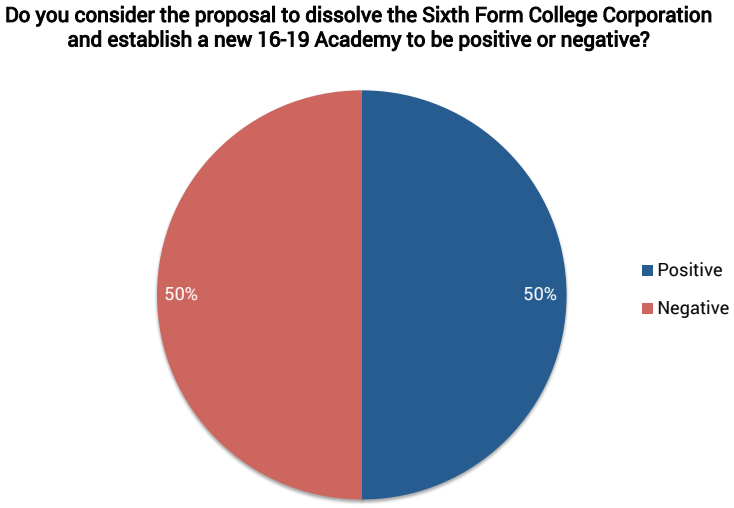
Stakeholders were encouraged to provide feedback on the proposal via an online survey. 25 responses were received and as shown below the majority of respondents (48%) were staff, followed by students (28%).



Responses to Consultation Questions

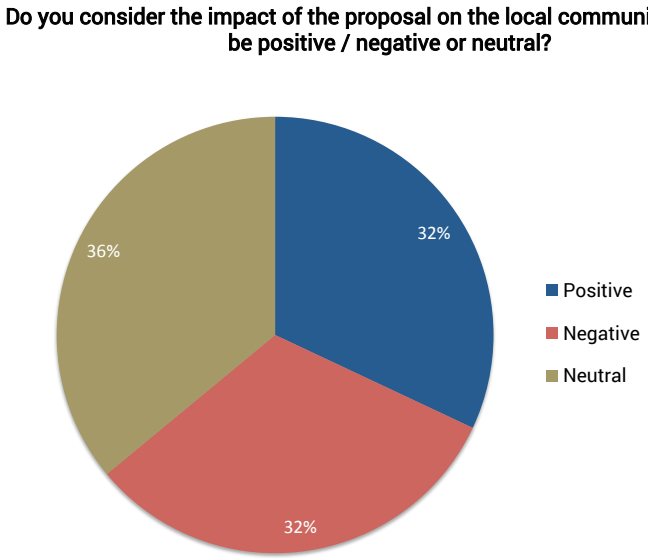
Q1 Do you consider the proposal to dissolve the Sixth Form College Corporation and establish a new 16-19 Academy to be positive or negative?

Of all respondents 50% indicated that they considered the proposal to dissolve the SFC corporation to be positive and 50% indicated they considered the proposal negative.



Q2 Do you consider that there will be an adverse impact on the local community or those with protected characteristics* as a result of the proposal?

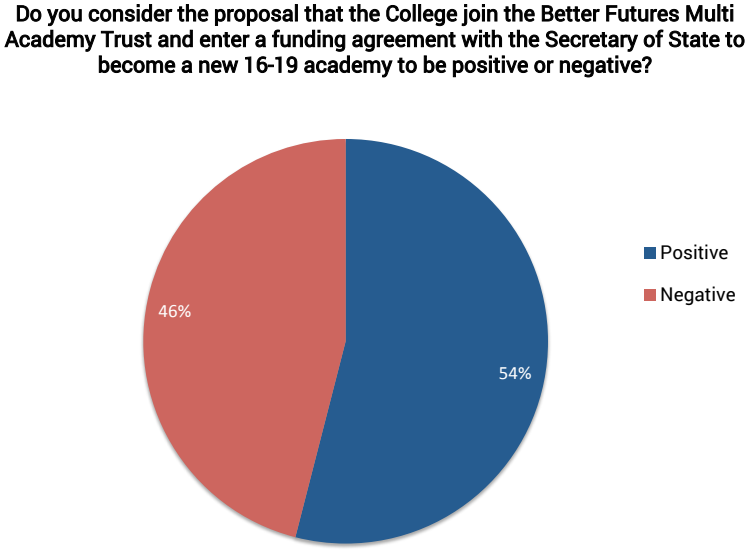
Of all respondents 36% considered that the proposal would have a neutral impact on the local community or those with protected characteristics*. 32% stated that the impact would be negative and 32% that it would be positive.



***age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.**

Q3 Do you consider the proposal that the College join the Better Futures Multi Academy Trust and enter a funding agreement with the Secretary of State to become a new 16-19 academy to be positive or negative?

Of all respondents 54% stated that they viewed the proposal to enter a funding agreement to be positive and 46% of respondents stated that they viewed the proposal to be negative.



3.0 NEXT STEPS

The Governors of Gateway College considered all feedback from stakeholders that was received via both the online survey and through consultation meetings. The Corporation has determined to proceed with the proposal to dissolve the Corporation and simultaneously enter into a funding agreement to form a 16-19 academy as part of Better Futures Multi-Academy Trust.

It is anticipated that the conversion to academy status will take place on or around 1 April 2020. The conversion remains subject to Department for Education approval and satisfactory outcomes of due diligence.