

*Do should need
a lesson for the
relevant cabinet*

Prime Minister

This looks fine to me.

PRIME MINISTER

*Committee
upside defaults*

N.L.W.

*Proves are met
not*

LIVERPOOL

*More detail
with not*

You will want to be aware of this minute below from Sir Keith Joseph. He proposes to ask Liverpool Council in a letter to go out to them tomorrow how they intend to fulfil their obligations under the 1944 Education Act. He asks for the views of colleagues by lunch time tomorrow.

I have not been able to contact the relevant people in DOE to find out their reaction. But subject to anything that they or others may say tomorrow, I suggest that Sir Keith makes a convincing case.

The sending of the letter will become known during the Party Conference. It puts a further turn on the Liverpool situation, and no harm in that.

Content, subject to the views of colleagues, for Sir Keith to proceed as he proposes?

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