

PRIME MINISTER

CITY ARTS COLLEGE

Kenneth Baker's minute of 2 June (Flag A) seeks agreement to extending the concept of City Technology Colleges also to embrace City Arts Colleges. This follows an offer of sponsorship of £1 million towards such a secondary school in the London area.

The Chief Secretary's minute of 9 June (Flag B) questions this extension of the CTC concept, but is prepared for it to go ahead as long as the earlier agreed conditions for CTCs are observed and it is recognised that proceeding with a contribution of only £1 million for this City Arts College would imply the need for significantly increased private sponsorship in the remaining network of twenty CTCs. He points to the fact that the levels of sponsorship for CTCs so far have fallen significantly below the original aspirations.

Brian Griffiths' note (Flag C) supports Kenneth Baker's idea; and suggests that the necessary widening amendment to the Education Bill should not just cover Arts Colleges but also schools with other desirable education emphases.

Are you content to agree Kenneth Baker's proposal subject to the Chief Secretary's conditions? If so, do you want the amendment widened to cover other types of school as suggested by Brian Griffiths?

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Paul Gray

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Performance also does not seem right for specific

grants (which this would require). We are not short of such people. If they wish to finance ~~it~~ it totally that is another matter not