

ITEM 8 (a)

**Adults, Community and Children's Services Scrutiny
Committee, 29th June, 2011**

**Question submitted by Councillor C. Wild under Standing
Order 36,.**

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Can Officers/Executive Member please advise the Committee in light of the recent proposals to introduce Free Schools, how many applications/expression of interests in such schools are there in Bolton ?

A.

The following response has been prepared by the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Children's Services and Safeguarding:

We are aware of 2 current applications for a free school in Bolton, one at Lever Park Special School, and one for a Muslim Boys School.

We understand that a decision will be made on these applications by September, at which point the LA will be consulted formally.