

Agenda Item: (i)

Meeting: Admissions Forum

Date: 21 October 2009

Subject: Consultation

Report of: Acting Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Children, Families and Learning

Summary: The purpose of this report is to inform the Forum of the arrangements for consulting on changes to admission arrangements.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. To note the requirement on admission authorities to consult every three years, unless the admission arrangements are to be changed.**

Background

1. The School Admissions Code requires admission authorities to consult, every three years, on their proposed admission arrangements unless the admission arrangements are not the same as those determined following the last consultation. The consultation must last for a minimum of eight weeks and must take place between 1 November and 1 March.
2. Admission authorities must consult with their local authority, all other admission authorities within the relevant area, the Admissions Forum, admission authorities in neighbouring local authority areas (as prescribed in the regulations), the relevant religious authority (in the case of faith schools), relevant parents and other groups with an interest in the local area e.g. community groups. Where an admission authority proposes an increase in their published admission number of 27 or more, the trade union representing staff at that school should also be consulted.
3. All admission authorities were required to consult on their arrangements for admissions in September 2010. Consultation in respect of the admission arrangements for September 2011 is, therefore, only required if any changes are proposed.