

Agenda Item: (ii)

Meeting: Admissions Forum

Date: 21 October 2009

Subject: Standard Admissions Policy

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

Summary: The purpose of this report is to seek agreement to the proposed change to the admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the proposed change to the admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2011 be agreed, subject to appropriate consultation.**
- 2. That the governing bodies of foundation, trust and voluntary aided schools that serve a local catchment area be asked to consider adopting a similar change to their policies.**

Background

1. Members of the Forum will recall, from the meeting on 24 March 2009, that the local authority proposed a change to the standard admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools which would give catchment siblings a higher priority than other children living in the catchment area. Members agreed that this was a sensible option and that it should be considered in relation to admissions for 2011.
2. The standard admissions policy for community and voluntary controlled schools, for September 2011, has been amended accordingly and is attached at Appendix A. Members of the Forum are asked to agree the proposed change.
3. As this is a significant change from the admission arrangements determined for September 2010, the Local Authority would be required to consult in accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code.

4. Members of the Forum are asked to recommend to the governing bodies of foundation, trust and voluntary aided schools that serve a local catchment area, that they consider making a similar change to their admissions policies for September 2011. If the governing bodies agree to this and it is the only change to their policies, the local authority would be willing to consult on the change on their behalf. If other changes are proposed then the governing body would have to undertake the necessary consultation.

Appendices:

Appendix A Standard Admissions Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools