Agenda Item: 9

Meeting: **ADMISSIONS FORUM**

Date: **23 June 2010**

Subject: **Annual Report to the Schools Adjudicator**

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

Summary: To consider the Local Authority's Report to the Schools Adjudicator

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Contact Officer: Rosa Bonwick

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To endorse the information provided in the Annual Report

2. To recommend to the Director that the report be agreed

Background

1. The School Admissions Code and The School Admissions (Local Authority Reports and Admission Forums ((England) Regulations 2008, require Local Authorities to submit a report to the Schools Adjudicator, by 30 June each year, about the admission arrangements for schools in their area.

2. Admission Forums have the power to produce their own annual report to the Schools Adjudicator, but this was not a mandatory requirement. Members of the Forum will recall that it was previously agreed that the Forum would provide input to the Local Authority's statutory report rather than to produce a separate report.

Annual Report

3. The draft annual report is attached at Appendix A.

4. The Office of the Schools Adjudicator has provided a template for the report. The template follows the items that the Code and Regulations require a local authority to include in its report. The wording in the Code is given in italics and has been retained in the draft report for the information of Forum members. The wording will be replaced by appropriate headings in the final version.

5. Members of the Forum are asked to endorse the information in the annual report and are invited, if they wish, to provide any additional input.

6.	The Schools Adjudicator requires the report to be cleared, as a minimum, by the Director of Children's Services. The Forum is, therefore, asked to recommend to the Director that the report be agreed.

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Appendices:

Appendix A	Draft Local Authority Report to The Schools Adjudicator