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9 APRIL 2001

SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2002

Report of the Director of Education

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To report on the outcome of the annual statutory consultation about school admission arrangements and to recommend a change to the over-subscription criteria.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Schools and other agencies were consulted about one possible change to admission arrangements for September 2002, to include pupils with a statement as one of the criteria, for allocating places at over subscribed schools. The Supporting Information sets out the rationale for the proposal, the current and proposed oversubscription criteria and an analysis of the responses. A total of 56 responses were received and of the 37, who agreed in principle with the proposal, 18 considered that it should be included as the third over-subscription criteria. Of the 19 respondents who did not agree with the proposal, 5 considered that it should be included as the third over-subscription criteria. A copy of the consultation document is attached as Annex 1. Comments made by the consultees are included as Annex 2. Annex 3 sets out the current distribution of pupils with statements across secondary schools.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Cabinet is recommended to:

Change the published admission over-subscription criteria to include pupils with a statement as the third criterion, after those living in the priority area and those who have a sibling at the same school, with effect from September 2002.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 provides that admission arrangements must be reviewed on an annual basis. The Act and Regulations prescribe a consultation and determination process which must be followed. The Supporting Information describes how the consultation process has been conducted and the author asserts at paragraph 4.2 that it has been carried out as prescribed. (Guy Goodman, Assistant Head of Legal Services – ext. 7054)

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