# SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN 2001 – 2006

To: School Organisation Committee

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## A PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report back to the Committee on developments since the meeting on 21 November 2001 regarding the format of the School Organisation Plan and to inform the Committee of the proposed timetable for publication and consultation on the School Organisation Plan 2001 – 2006.

#### B PROPOSED ACTION

2 The Committee is asked to NOTE this report.

### C RESOURCE APPRAISAL

There are no resource implications arising directly as a consequence of this report.

## D SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- Members of the Committee will recall at the meeting on 21 November 2000, a paper "Developments in the format/presentation/context of the School Organisation Plan" Agenda Item 8 was considered and, following discussion, a number of points were made on the current format as follows:
  - It would be helpful to contain a little sketch of each school in the area to show:

how many other schools were in the area how far apart each school was what connections there were to other schools (eg Oxfordshire)

- It would be helpful to link more explicitly the School Organisation Plan and the LEA Development Plan or to provide a summary of the Development Plan
- It would be helpful to provide the Plan in future in a loose leaf format.
- The Plan should be succinct and provide key assumptions. There was considerable support for the Bedfordshire Plan, in particular for its clarity.

- The Plan should include a summary of areas in which there would be a
  need to add or remove school places (see F Bedfordshire) and the plan
  should be split into two parts the second part should hold more and
  detailed information and statistics.
- 5 The Committee resolved that the changes proposed should be taken into account in the drafting of next year's Plan: 2001 2006.
- Officers have been working on these proposals over the course of the last two months and an update of progress will be given at the meeting.
- In addition, it was felt helpful to advise the Committee of the following proposed timetable:

Draft of SOP 2001 – 2006 to Cabinet Member for Schools	by mid-March
Publication of initial draft SOP 2001 – 2006 (includes publication of statutory notices etc)	by start of April
Close of consultation period	start of June
LEA consideration of objections, comments, observations on a draft SOP	during June/July
Final draft of SOP 2001 – 2006 presented to School Organisation Committee	August/September

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