

**AREA SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN REVIEW GROUPS:  
UPDATE**

To: School Organisation Committee

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**A PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 To inform the Committee of statutory notices published in respect of school amalgamations and changes in standard number since the meeting of the Committee in November.

**B PROPOSED ACTION**

- 2 **The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.**

**C RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

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

**D SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4 Each of the three Area SOP Review Groups has now met on 4 – 5 occasions and each group has undertaken detailed consideration of the 5 primary planning areas within the Education area as a whole.
- 5 As a result of those deliberations, the Groups have drawn up a document "Triggers for Review" which has been found to be a helpful practical document in guiding the discussion and identifying schools or groups of schools which may require further consideration. Between them, the three Area Groups identified 60 schools where they felt further information would be required in order to progress their deliberations. Accordingly, Officer visits have been made to each of these schools and information has been reported back to the appropriate Area Groups.
- 6 The Groups have now all reached a stage where they have identified a smaller number of schools or groups of schools where they are of a view that it would be of benefit to enter discussion with the Headteacher, Chairman of Governors and/or a representative of the governing bodies. Arrangements for such discussions are therefore being made and, in parallel, initial documentation on the feasibility and practicality of pursuing an amalgamation are being drawn up.

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