ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SCHOOLS' GROUP

To: **School Organisation Committee**

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A   PURPOSE OF REPORT

1   This paper updates the Committee on progress made in filling the vacancies on the Schools' Group.

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   Members will recall that at the meeting of the Committee on 11 July 2001, it was agreed that the process of seeking nominations to the vacancies on the Schools' Group would commence at the start of the 2001/2 academic year.

5   To this end we wrote to all relevant schools (eg Community Primary, Special, and Voluntary Controlled non-religious) on 16 July 2001 requesting nominations by 21 September 2001.

6   As no nominations were received by the end of the Summer vacation, we wrote again to all schools on 30 August 2001 reminding them that nominations were due in by 21 September 2001.

7   A further (fourth) vacancy occurred in the Foundation School Category of the Schools' Group when the member concerned tendered her resignation on 23 August 2001. Accordingly we wrote to all Foundation Schools requesting nominations to this vacancy by 21 September 2001.

8   As at the closing date we had received seven nominations from Community Primary Schools and four nominations from Special Schools. There were no nominations received from either Voluntary Controlled non-religious or Foundation Schools.

9   Arrangements will be made for elections to the Community Primary and Special School category from the nominations received. We have written again to all Voluntary Controlled non-religious and Foundation Schools requesting nominations by 19 October 2001 at the latest.

10   The new members will be eligible to attend the first meeting of the Committee in January 2002.

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