



Buckinghamshire County Council

Report School Organisation Committee

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Title	Update on Consultation on Admission Arrangements
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Summary

To update the Committee on the National Consultation on Admission Arrangements which occurred in the autumn term 2001.

Recommendation

The School Organisation Committee is asked to note, and to comment as appropriate, on this report.

Supporting Information

The attached paper gives a summary of the major areas upon which DfES consulted with LEAs and other admissions authorities in the autumn term 2001. Responses to the consultation were due by 7 November and, in its response to DfES, Buckinghamshire LEA generally welcomed the proposals as being positive and helpful and likely to lead to an improvement in the operation of the admissions processes for pupils, parents and the schools.

Members of the Committee may, however, wish to note that there are certain issues, which are identified at the end of the attached paper, where further consideration locally may be required.

It is proposed that there will be discussion of these and other possible changes to future admission arrangements at the meeting of the Buckinghamshire School Admissions Forum which is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday 24 January 2002.

The outcomes from the National Consultation on Admission Arrangements are expected to be announced later in the spring term 2002.

Resources Appraisal

There are no immediate resource implications arising directly from this report.

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

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