



Buckinghamshire County Council

Report School Organisation Committee

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Title	Annual Consultation on Buckinghamshire LEA Admission Arrangements for September 2003
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Summary

To inform the Committee of initial responses to the first phase on the LEA's consultation on the Review of Secondary School Catchment Areas and to inform the Committee of other aspects of the admission arrangements where there may be changes which will take place for September 2003.

Recommendation

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

Supporting Information

Where the LEA is the admission authority for a school (Community and Controlled), it is required to consult school governing bodies over the proposed admission arrangements for the next academic year. It must also consult the admission authorities for all other maintained schools within the relevant area.

Where the governing body is the admission authority (Foundation, Aided and some Controlled schools), it must consult the LEA and the admission authorities for all other maintained schools within the relevant area.

The attached paper "Appendix 2: Admission Arrangements – September 2003" which is an agenda item for all governing body agendas for the spring term 2002, sets out the general arrangements for consultation and the areas upon which consultation has to occur.

It will be noted that major changes are proposed for September 2003 in the operation of the catchment area system for secondary schools in Buckinghamshire. The first phase of this consultation took place in the second half of the autumn term 2001 and a consultation document relating to the second phase of the process, which will contain detailed proposals in respect of secondary school catchment areas will be issued to schools, other admission authorities and other interested parties in the near future.

The Committee will also note that there will be changes proposed relating to the over-subscription criteria for some secondary schools along with changes, which are required by regulation in the processes for the allocation of places in mainstream schools for children with statements of special educational need.

It is hoped that copies of the consultation document for September 2003 will be available for consideration by the Committee at the meeting on 16 January.

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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