

# Constitution of the Local Admissions Forum

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LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM

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## Purpose

To consider updating the Local Admissions Forum (LAF) Constitution in accordance with the revised School Admissions Code which came into effect on 10 February 2009.

## Financial Implications

None

## Background

The School Admissions Code 2009 is made under Section 84 of the School Standards Framework 1998 as amended by Section 40 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. Admission Authorities must ensure that determined admission arrangements for 2009 comply with the mandatory provisions of this Code. This report sets out to amend the current LAF Constitution to reflect the provisions of the Code.

## Report

1. Those areas of the Constitution which need to be amended to reflect the provisions of the Code are
  - (a) Role of the Forum
  - (b) Membership
  - (c) Tenure of Office
  - (d) Substitutes
  - (e) Calendar of Meetings

2. The amended Constitution is attached at Appendix 1 showing the amendments to those areas in paragraph 1 above in bold italic words which are the changes in line with the Code. With regard to the Membership of the Forum, it is believed that the Membership represents the criteria set out in the Code. Aside from these amendments, an administrative amendment is necessary in the area of the Constitution headed 'Convening and Notice of Meetings' with the words 'County Secretary and Solicitor being replaced with the bold italic wording.

3. **Risk Management**

The risks in adopting the changes in line with the School Admissions Code are that the ultimate objectives of the Forum are not restricted. Members are informed that the rules and procedures as set out in the current constitution are either contained

within the proposed changes or do not adversely affect the ultimate objectives.

3. **Recommendation**

**That the amendments to the Local Admissions Forum Constitution as set out in the Appendix 1 to this report be approved.**

**Background Papers**

School Standards and Framework Act 1998

Education and Inspections Act 2006

The School Admissions (Local Authority Reports and Admission Forums) (England) Regulations 2008

School Admissions Code 2009