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COUNCIL

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE LEA GROUP ON THE WALSALL ADMISSION FORUM

Summary of report:

The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education Act 2002, requires each LEA to establish an Admission Forum.

Admissions Forums provide a vehicle for admission authorities and other key interested parties to get together to:

- discuss the effectiveness of local admission arrangements
- seek agreements on how to deal with the most difficult admissions issues and
- advise admission authorities on ways in which their admission arrangements can be improved.

Background Papers:

The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education Act 2002

The Education (Admission Forums) (England) Regulations 2002

Recommendations

Council is recommended to appoint 4 Elected Members to serve on the Walsall Admissions Forum; 2 members to be drawn from Conservative Group, 1 from Labour Group, 1 from Lib Dem Group, such appointments to be made annually thereafter at the beginning of each Municipal Year.

Signed:

David McNulty

Executive Director: David McNulty

Date:

29/10/04

Resource and Legal Considerations

The Regulations require members of the LEA group to be members of the authority.

No Elected Members have been appointed to the Walsall Admission Forum for the 2004/05 municipal year. Council is asked to address this by appointing Members for 2004/05 and to arrange for such appointments to be made on an annual basis at the beginning of each municipal year.

Citizen Impact

The proposed representation would enable the Council to be represented on the Walsall Admission Forum.

Regulations require that membership of Forums should comprise representatives nominated by the following groups; the number of representatives for each group was previously agreed.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
LEA	1 – 5
Schools	3
Community and Controlled Foundation	3
Voluntary Aided	3
City Academy	1
Church of England Diocese	2
Roman Catholic Diocese	2
Parent Governors	3
Local Community	0

Performance Management and Risk Management Issues

The Education (Admission Forums) (England) Regulations 2002 provide an opportunity for Council representation on this Forum. Council representation is part of ensuring an effective response to responsibilities relating to admissions.

Equality Implications

The proposed representation would enable the Council to be represented effectively on the Walsall Admission Forum.

Vision 2008

These appointments would contribute to the delivery of Walsall's vision for 2008 – Section 4.

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