

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

EXECUTIVE MEETING

12.11.03

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, ARTS & LIBRARIES

REPORT TITLE: REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF THE RELEVANT AREA FOR CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report advises Members of the need to formally decide either to continue with the current arrangements or determine a new 'Relevant Area for Consultation on Admissions Arrangements.'

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are recommended to agree to the retention of the current Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements as detailed in paragraph 6.8 below.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications as this report deals only with determining the area within which consultation on school admissions arrangements must take place.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no staffing implications as this report deals only with determining the area within which consultation on school admissions arrangements must take place..

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1.1 The School Standards and Framework Act, 1998 requires that Admissions Authorities follow a particular framework in determining admissions to schools. Part of this framework is established through the determination of a 'Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements.' The Education (Relevant Areas for Consultation on Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999 require that the Local Education Authority periodically review and consider their existing arrangements in this respect.
- 5.2 The review of the initial Relevant Area for Consultation must take place no later than two years after the initial determination of this Area.

6.0 DETAIL

- 6.1 The Education (Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999 required the Local Education Authority to determine a Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements in 1999.
- 6.2 The Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements informs the process of consultation which Admission Authorities in the borough must undertake for their admissions arrangements. Foundation and VA Primary schools in Brent are required to consult with all other primary school admission authorities within the Relevant Area. Foundation and VA Secondary schools are required to consult with all admission authorities within the Relevant Area.
- 6.3 The Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements must cover, as a minimum, the area of the Borough but can, if appropriate, extend further than this area.
- 6.4 In 1999 the Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements was determined as the area comprising the area of the Borough of Brent. This was in line with other London Boroughs who each decided upon an Area composed solely of their own boroughs. This position was confirmed again in 2001.
- 6.5 The Education (Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999 (Regulations 11 (1) and (2)) require that the Local Education Authority review their initial determination within the period of 2 years after the initial determination was made.
- 6.6 Officers have carried out a review and consultation exercise with those bodies listed in Regulation 6 of the above regulations. The Consultation document is attached as appendix 1.
- 6.7 No objections were received to this consultation.
- 6.8 Members are recommended to agree that the current Relevant Area for Consultation on Admissions Arrangements remain in force, that is that the Relevant Area for Consultation on Admission Arrangements should comprise only the area of the borough, and that there be no new determination of this Area.

7.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- 7.2 The Education (Relevant Areas for Consultation on Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999

Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact:
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Appendix 1

School Circular No. 792

Title: Relevant Area for Admissions - Consultations

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Type: Consultation
Date of Issue: 22/08/2003
To: Foundation Primary; Foundation Secondary; V/A Primary; V/A Secondary

Suggested Circulation: Headteachers and Chairs of Governors

Summary: I am writing to consult you on the proposal that the Relevant Area for consultation on school admission arrangements remains as previously determined. This will mean that the Relevant Area remains the area within the borough boundary.

If you have any comments on the proposed continuation of the current Relevant Area for Brent I should be grateful if you could contact me at the above address no later than
30th September 2003.

Attachments: None

Action to be taken: Any comments to Andy James

Deadline Dates: 30th September 2003