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REPORT TO LEEDS ADMISSION FORUM

DATE: 12 May 2009

Venue: Civic Hall

Time: 4.00pm

SUBJECT: REVISED MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADMISSION FORUM IN THE NEW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CODE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1** To inform the Admission Forum of the revised membership of the Leeds Admission Forum required by the School Admissions (Local Authority Reports and Admission Forums) (England) Regulations 2008 ("the Regulations") following consideration by the Leeds City Council Executive Board at its meeting on 1 April 2009.

2. Background Information

- 2.1** The Education Act 2002 required each local authority to establish an Admissions Forum and the membership was agreed at an Executive Board meeting in January 2003. The Regulations and the new School Admissions Code have made significant alterations to the membership of the Admission Forum, and it was necessary to seek the approval of the Executive Board to establish the new revised membership.
- 2.2** The Admission Forum received a report upon the necessary changes to the Forum's membership at its last meeting on 20 January 2009. The Forum made recommendations upon the membership which were conveyed to the Executive Board

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1** The key role of the Admission Forum is in ensuring a fair admissions system that promotes social equity and it must act in accordance with the School Admissions Code issued by the DCSF.
- 3.2** The membership of the Admission Forum required changes to comply with the Regulations and DCSF Guidance. The Forum must now contain no more than 20 members and taking into account the Regulations and Guidance the revised membership is as follows.

3.3 Agreed membership:

Two community schools representatives (one high and one primary) One voluntary controlled school member One voluntary Aided school member One Foundation school member One member from Brodetsky primary One Academy member One College member One CE Diocesan member One Catholic Diocesan member Two parent members Fair Access project director Choice Adviser Two local authority representatives Four community members representing local interest to include Leeds Black Governors Information Network Leeds Primary Care Trust	
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4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Changes to the Admission Forum membership will also impact upon membership of the 2 Sub Committees of the Forum which now require revision.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 That Admissions Forum

- Note the report.
- Note the membership of the Forum as outlined in 4.2
- Decide the revised membership of the two Sub Committees