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## **REPORT TO LEEDS ADMISSION FORUM**

Date 1 March 2011

Venue: Civic Hall

Time: 4.00pm

Subject: Integration of Education Services

### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise members of the Admission Forum of the transfer of Education Leeds into Leeds City Council relating to the continued support of the Admission Forum.

### **2. Background Information**

- 2.1 Education Leeds is a private company wholly owned by Leeds City Council. It has been in existence for the last ten years and the contract is due to end on 31 March 2011. At this point any staff not previously served with a redundancy notice will be TUPE transferred into LCC.

### **3 Main Issues**

#### **3.1 Admissions**

Schools Admissions are a statutory function which must be carried out by the local authority. As such there are no fundamental changes expected to take place as a consequence of Education Leeds re-entering LCC. There are a small number of changes outlined in the recent Education Bill which has recently had its second reading in the House of Commons. The most significant changes affecting the Admission Forum would be that the body would no longer be statutory. Should the Education Bill be enacted in its current form then the local authority will have to decide whether to continue with an Admission Forum. A questionnaire from Comprehensive Future (the campaign for fair school admission policies in England) has been sent to all Chairs of Admission Forums. Comprehensive future is lobbying for the retention of Admission Forums.

Further changes are anticipated as the government have indicated that they will be bringing forward a new School Admissions Code for consultation in the spring. Details are not yet available. For the foreseeable future Admissions Forum will continue to receive the same level of input and support from the Admission team as it currently does. It is inevitable that some of the individuals concerned will however change.

### **4 Recommendation**

- 4.1 That Admissions Forum note the report and respond to the questionnaire circulated by Comprehensive Future.

