

Agenda Item No:

Committee: Scrutiny Committee for Education and Libraries

Date: 8 March 2005

Title of Report: Admissions to Schools

By: Director of Children's Services, Education and Libraries

Purpose of Report: To advise the Committee of the views expressed by the School Admissions Forum on a resolution passed by Eastbourne Borough Council and advise the Committee of the response sent

Recommendation:

That the Committee consider the report by the Schools Admissions Forum and agree with their recommendation that there should be no amendment to the admission arrangements for 2006/07

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 None

2. Supporting Information

2.1 At the meeting on 16 September 2004 the Committee received a report related to a resolution from Eastbourne Borough Council about admission arrangements. The Committee agreed that the resolution should be considered by the School Admissions Forum but asked that they be informed of the outcome.

2.2 The Forum considered the resolution at their meeting on 23 November. The Forum noted that consultation about admissions in 2006/07 was about to commence but, having considered the resolution from Eastbourne Borough Council, the Forum decided not to recommend any changes to the current admission arrangements. Eastbourne Borough Council were advised of this in a letter dated 8 December (copy attached as annex 1).

2.3 The Scrutiny Lead Officer wrote to Mr Finnis on 9 December asking if Eastbourne Borough Council had any specific questions it wished the Scrutiny Committee to consider in addition to the views of the forum. No further questions have been put forward.

2.4 Schools and neighbouring LEAs have been consulted about admission arrangements for 2006/07 and the outcome of the discussions has been reported to the Forum. The consultations with schools did not result in any suggestions for any major changes to the current arrangements. The arrangements for 2006/07 will be determined by Cabinet on 15 March.

3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation

3.1 The Committee is asked to note the content of this report and that no changes to the current arrangements are being suggested.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS – Report to School Admissions Forum on 23 November 2004
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