

Meeting:	Harrow Admissions Forum
Date:	3 November 2008
Subject:	Review of information requested on In-Year application forms
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Heather Clements, Director Schools and Children's Development
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Anjana Patel, Schools and Children's Development
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 – copy of current primary and secondary application form.

Section 1: Summary

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

Recommendations:

To review the information requested as part of the application process for an In-Year primary / secondary school place.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

Background

The Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children's Development has asked that the information requested as part of the In-Year application process is reviewed.

Currently information is requested about the child as follows:

- How long has the child lived in the UK?
- Which languages are spoken in your home?
- Does your child speak English? If yes, say how well.

As this information is not part of the application process, it is felt that its collection could be seen to be discriminatory. Historically, this information has been collected to assist schools when they are admitting children to school.

Forum Members are asked for their views on the collection of this information.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Performance Issues

There are no performance issues arising from this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: John Stansfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Chief Financial Officer
Date: 22 October 2008		
Name: Rosemarie Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Monitoring Officer
Date: 24 October 2008		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: N/A: