

AGENDA ITEM

COMMITTEE: RACE ADVISORY FORUM

DATE: 6 FEBRUARY 2006

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
SCHOOLS ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL		COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	✓	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	✓	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING		OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. To ask the Race Advisory Forum to nominate a community representative to the School Organisation Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. The Race Advisory Forum is recommended to nominate a community representative to Luton's School Organisation Committee.

BACKGROUND

3. The School Organisation Committee is central to the arrangements for local decision making introduced by the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. It is not a committee of the local authority. It is a separate statutory body which brings together the key partners in the provision of education at a local level, giving each an equal voice. It takes decisions on school organisation proposals (e.g. school mergers and closures) and keeps an overview on the supply and demand for school places in Luton.

REPORT

4. The membership of Luton's School Organisation Committee is given below:

Groups represented	Number of representatives in each group
Local Authority	5 Elected Members
Diocese of St Albans Board of Education (Church of England)	1 member
Northampton Diocesan School Commission (Roman Catholic)	3 member
Learning Skills Council	1 member
Schools	8 members
Community Representatives	5 members
Total	23 members

5. The Committee meets three times a year and meetings start at 4.30pm or 6pm and usually last for an hour and a half. Members can claim expenses for travel and childcare. The next meeting of the committee will take place on 9 February at 6pm in the town hall.
6. The Committee currently would be grateful if the Race Advisory Forum could nominate a community representative to fill a vacancy.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

7. The Forum can nominate a community representative to the School Organisation Committee.
8. Alternatively, the Forum can decide not to nominate a representative to this body.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. It is important that all stakeholders are represented on the School Organisation Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The Finance Manager (Children & Learning) confirms that there are no financial implications to this report, 23rd January 2006.

APPENDIX

11. The following appendix is attached to this report:

Appendix A – Terms of reference for the School Organisation Committee

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

12. None.