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The Education and Inspections Act 2006 (Inspection of Local Authorities) Regulations 2007

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The Secretary of State for Education and Skills, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 137(4) and (5) and 181(2)(a) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006(a), makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (Inspection of Local Authorities) Regulations 2007 and come into force on 1st April 2007.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Education and Inspections Act 2006;

“working day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday in England and Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(b).

Publication of a report following an inspection

2. A local authority in England(c) which has received a copy of a report under section 137 of the Act must, within 30 working days of receiving the report, publish it by—

(a) sending a copy of the report to—

- (i) each of the authority’s relevant partners under section 10 of the Children Act 2004(d);
- (ii) any person or body with whom the authority has made arrangements under section 10(1)(c) of the Children Act 2004;
- (iii) such of the authority’s Board partners under section 13 of the Children Act 2004 as do not fall within paragraphs (i) or (ii) of this sub-paragraph;

(a) 2006 c. 40.

(b) 1971 c. 80.

(c) A “local authority in England” is defined in section 159 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40).

(d) 2004 c. 31.

- (iv) at least one newspaper circulating in the area of that authority;
- (v) at least one radio station serving that area;
- (b) making a copy of the report available for inspection free of charge at the offices of the local authority; and
- (c) supplying a copy of the report to a member of the public on demand on payment of a reasonable fee.

Publication of a written statement of proposed action

3. A local authority in England which has received a copy of a report under section 137 of the Act must, within 70 working days of receiving that report, publish a written statement of action which they propose to take in the light of the report (a “written statement”) by—

- (a) sending a copy of the written statement to—
 - (i) the Chief Inspector, and
 - (ii) the Secretary of State;
- (b) sending a copy of the written statement to the persons or bodies to whom a copy of the report of the inspection was sent by virtue of regulation 2(a);
- (c) making a copy of the written statement available for inspection free of charge at the offices of the authority; and
- (d) supplying a copy of the written statement to a member of the public on demand on payment of a reasonable fee.

Beverley Hughes
Minister of State

19th February 2007

Department for Education and Skills

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe for the purposes of section 137 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40) the manner and period within which a local authority in England must publish an inspection report and a written statement of proposed action (“written statement”) following an inspection by Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education, Children’s Services and Skills.

Regulation 2 requires an authority to publish a Chief Inspector’s report to a number of specified persons and bodies and determines the manner and period within which the report must be made available to them and to the public. Provision is also made for a local authority to make a copy available for inspection by the public and to charge a reasonable fee when providing a person with a copy of the document.

Regulation 3 specifies the manner and period of time within which an authority must publish a written statement responding to a Chief Inspector’s report and identifies the persons and bodies to whom copies must be sent. Provision is also made for a copy of the written statement to be made available for inspection by the public and for a local authority to charge a reasonable fee when providing a person with a copy of that document.

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