
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 3056

EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Leigh Education Action Zone Order 1998

Made - - - - 3rd December 1998

Laid before Parliament 11th December 1998

Coming into force - - 1st January 1999

Whereas an application for the purpose of establishing an education action zone has been made to the Secretary of State with the consent of the governing body of every school listed in Schedule 2 to this Order

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 10(1), 11 and 138(7) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998⁽¹⁾, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Leigh Education Action Zone Order 1998 and shall come into force on 1st January 1999.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“partners” means those persons listed in Schedule 1 to this Order; and

“zone school” means a school listed in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Constitution of education action zone

3. The schools listed in Schedule 2 to this Order shall constitute collectively an education action zone under the name of the Leigh Education Action Zone (“the zone”) for the purposes of Chapter III of Part I of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

4.—(1) There shall be an Education Action Forum for the zone to be known as the Leigh Education Action Forum, the membership of which shall include—

(a) one person appointed by the governing body of each zone school, unless any such governing body chooses not to make such an appointment;

- (b) either one or two persons appointed by the Secretary of State; and
- (c) one person appointed by each partner unless any partner chooses not to make such an appointment.

(2) Where a partner is an individual he may appoint himself under paragraph (1)(c), but he shall cease to hold office as a member of the Forum if he ceases to hold the office by virtue of which he is a partner.

5.—(1) The Forum may at any time appoint—

- (a) either one or two additional members from persons who are members of the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan Council elected for Hindley, Hindley Green, Atherton, Hindsford, Hope Carr, Leigh Central, Leigh East or Bedford-Astley wards who are also members of the education committee of that Council;
- (b) either one or two additional members from persons appearing to them to represent the National Union of Teachers, Secondary Heads Association, National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, National Association of Head Teachers or Association of Teachers and Lecturers;
- (c) either one or two additional members from persons appearing to them to represent the head teachers of secondary schools which are zone schools;
- (d) either one or two additional members from persons appearing to them to represent the head teachers of primary schools which are zone schools;
- (e) one additional member from persons appearing to them to represent Leigh based businesses;
- (f) up to 4 additional members from persons appearing to them to represent parent governors (within the meaning of Schedule 9 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) of schools;
- (g) either one or two additional members from persons appearing to them to represent voluntary organisations in the area served by the zone schools;
- (h) either one or two additional members from persons appearing to them to represent community organisations in the area served by the zone schools; and
- (i) up to 3 additional members appearing to them to be able to further the objects of the zone.

(2) Any member appointed under paragraph (1)(a) shall cease to hold office as a member of the Forum if he ceases to be a member of the education committee of Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council or ceases to be elected for any of the wards mentioned in that paragraph.

Disqualification from membership of the Forum

6. Articles 7 to 9 shall have effect for the purpose of prescribing the circumstances and cases in which a person is to be disqualified for holding, or continuing to hold, office as a member of the Forum.

Disqualification from membership of Forum—bankruptcy etc

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, a person shall be disqualified for holding, or for continuing to hold, office as a member of the Forum if he has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his creditors; and a member, on becoming so disqualified, shall give written notice of the fact to the secretary to the Forum.

(2) Where a person is disqualified by reason of his having been adjudged bankrupt, that disqualification shall cease—

- (a) unless the bankruptcy order made against that person is previously annulled, on his discharge from bankruptcy; and
 - (b) if the bankruptcy order is so annulled, on the date of the annulment.
- (3) Where a person is disqualified by reason of his having made a composition or arrangement with his creditors and he pays his debts in full, the disqualification shall cease on the date on which the payment is completed and in any other case it shall cease on the expiration of three years from the date on which the terms of the deed of composition or arrangement are fulfilled.

Disqualification from membership of Forum—criminal convictions

8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) a person shall be disqualified for holding, or for continuing to hold, office as a member of the Forum if—

- (a) within five years before his appointment would otherwise have taken effect or since his appointment, he has been convicted, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, of any offence and has had passed on him a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine;
- (b) within twenty years before his appointment would otherwise have taken effect, he has been convicted as aforesaid and has had passed on him a sentence of imprisonment for a period of more than two and a half years; or
- (c) he has at any time been convicted as aforesaid and has had passed on him a sentence of imprisonment of not less than five years.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation there shall be disregarded any conviction by or before a court outside the United Kingdom of an offence in respect of conduct which, if it had taken place in any part of the United Kingdom, would not have constituted an offence under the law in force in that part of the United Kingdom.

Disqualification—absence from meetings

9. Any member of the Forum who, without the consent of the Forum has failed to attend the meetings thereof for a continuous period of six months beginning with the date of a meeting shall, on the expiry of that period, be disqualified for continuing to be a member of the Forum without prejudice however, to his re-appointment.

Chairman's tenure of office

10. The chairman of the Forum elected in accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Act, shall hold office for one year from the date of his election (unless he resigns his office earlier), without prejudice to his eligibility to be re-elected for a further period of one year.

3rd December 1998

Estelle Morris
Minister of State,
Department for Education and Employment

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

MEANING OF “PARTNERS”

The following persons are “partners” for the purposes of appointing additional members of the Forum:

United Utilities plc
Chair of Wigan Borough Partnership
Wigan and Bolton Health Authority
Leader of the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan Council
Chair of Education of the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan Council
Westleigh High School Education Business Partnership
Bedford High School Education Business Partnership
Manchester Church of England Diocesan Board of Education
Liverpool Roman Catholic Diocesan Board of Education
Wigan and Leigh College
Greater Manchester Police Force

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

SCHOOLS COMPRISING THE ZONE

Leigh Our Lady of the Rosary RC Junior and Infants
Leigh Sacred Heart RC Junior and Infants
Leigh St Gabriel’s RC Junior and Infants
Leigh St Josphe’s RC Junior and Infants
Leigh Twelve Apostle’s RC Junior and Infants
Atherton St George’s CE Junior and Infants
Bickershaw CE Junior and Infants
Hindley Green Junior and Infants
Leigh Central Junior and Infants
Leigh Higher Folds Junior and Infants
Leigh Newton Westpark Junior and Infants
Leigh Bedford Hall Methodist Junior and Infants
Leigh CE Junior
Leigh Westleigh Methodist Junior and Infants
Leigh St Thomas CE Junior and Infants
Leigh CE Infants
Leigh St John’s CE Infants
Leigh St Peter’s CE Infants
Leigh St Peter’s CE Junior
Leigh Westleigh St Paul’s CE Junior and Infants

Leigh Christ Church Pennington CE Junior and Infants
Leigh Bedford High School
Leigh Westleigh High School
Rose Hill
Atherton Green Hall
Atherton Two Porches

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order establishes the Leigh Education Action Zone, which comprises the schools listed in the Schedule. The Order also provides (in articles 4 and 5) for the membership of the Education Action Forum for the Zone.