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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 1286**

**The Education (Adjudicators Inquiry  
Procedure etc.) Regulations 1999**

**Interpretation**

**2. In these Regulations—**

“the Act” means the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;

“the adjudicator” means the adjudicator by whom the inquiry is to be, is in the process of being, or has been held;

“document” includes a photograph, map or plan;

“draft school organisation plan” means the draft school organisation plan prepared by a local education authority pursuant to section 26 of the Act;

“inquiry” means a local inquiry to which regulations 4 to 17 apply;

“pre-inquiry meeting” means a meeting held before an inquiry to consider what may be done with a view to securing that the inquiry is conducted efficiently and expeditiously;

“proposer” means—

- (a) where the inquiry relates to proposals published under section 28, 29 or 31 of, paragraph 5(4) of Schedule 6 or paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 23 to, the Act, the persons or body who published the proposals;
- (b) where the inquiry is held pursuant to paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 to the Act,
  - (i) the Secretary of State, and
  - (ii) any persons or body who has published proposals which have been referred to the adjudicator under paragraph 8(7) of that Schedule; and
- (c) where the inquiry relates to a draft school organisation plan, the local education authority by whom the draft plan has been prepared;

“relevant date” means the date on which the adjudicator gives notice as required by regulation 4;

“relevant local education authority” means—

- (a) where the inquiry is into any matter such as is referred to in regulation 3(1)(a), the local education authority which maintains the school (or, in the case of a proposed school), which it is proposed should maintain the school;
- (b) where the inquiry is held pursuant to paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 to the Act, the local education authority in relation to whom the order under paragraph 2(2) or 3(2) of that Schedule was made; and
- (c) where the inquiry is into any matter arising from the adjudicator’s consideration of a draft school organisation plan, the local education authority by whom the draft plan was prepared;

“relevant objector” means any of the following bodies who have objected to any proposals or draft school organisation plan which is the subject of the inquiry—

- (a) the relevant local education authority;
- (b) the Diocesan Board of Education for any diocese of the Church of England any part of which is comprised in the area of the relevant local education authority;
- (c) the bishop of any Roman Catholic Church diocese any part of which is comprised in the area of the relevant local education authority;
- (d) the Further Education Funding Council for England (if the inquiry is into any matter which affects education to which section 2(1) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992(1) applies); and
- (e) where the inquiry is into any matter such as is referred to in regulation 3(1)(a) or is held pursuant to paragraph 9 of Schedule 7 to the Act, the governing body of any school to which the proposals relate; and

“statement of case” means, and is comprised of, a written statement which contains full particulars of the case which a person proposes to put forward at an inquiry, and a list of any documents which that person intends to refer to or put in evidence.