1999 No. 3388

EDUCATION, ENGLAND

The North Gillingham Education Action Zone Order 1999

Made - - - - 15th December 1999

Laid before Parliament 20th December 1999

Coming into force 10th January 2000

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 bodies 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(a), the Secretary of State for Education and Employment hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the North Gillingham Education Action Zone Order 1999 and shall come into force on 10th January 2000.

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 North Gillingham Education Action Zone ("the zone") for the purposes of Chapter III of Part I of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Education Action Forum

- **4.** There shall be an Education Action Forum for the zone to be known as the North Gillingham Education Action Forum ("the Forum"), the membership of which shall include—
- (a) one person appointed by the governing body of each zone school, unless any such governing body choose not to make such an appointment;
 - (b) either one or two persons appointed by the Secretary of State;
- (c) one person appointed by each partner, unless any partner chooses not to make such an appointment.
 - 5. The Forum may at any time appoint additional members as follows—
- (a) up to four persons nominated by Medway Council in their capacity as a local education authority;

- (b) up to four persons representing the interests of business in the area served by the zone schools;
- (c) up to four persons representing the interests of community, voluntary and ethnic minority organisations in the area served by the zone schools;
 - (d) up to three parents of registered pupils chosen from governors of zone schools;
- (e) up to three persons from unions representing teachers and other staff working in zone schools:
- (f) one person representing the interests of careers guidance providers to young persons, or the education sector generally, in the area served by the zone schools; and
- (g) one person nominated by Medway Youth Parliament to represent the interests of students and pupils attending zone schools.

Disqualification for 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 for membership of the Forum—bankruptcy etc.

- 7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this article, 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 for membership of the 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 article 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 School Standards and Framework Act 1998, 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 such period.

Estelle Morris
Minister of State,
Department for Education and Employment

15th December 1999

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

MEANING OF "PARTNERS"

The following persons are "partners" for the purposes of appointing members of the Forum:

the Director of Education of Medway Council; Compass Centre, Chatham Maritime, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YN

the Principal of Mid Kent College of Higher and Further Education; Maidstone Road, Chatham, Kent ME5 9UQ

the Vice Chancellor of the University of Greenwich; Maritime Greenwich University Campus, Queen Anne Court, Greenwich, London SE10 9NN

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 2 and 3

SCHOOLS COMPRISING THE ZONE

School	DfEE Number	Address
Arden Junior School	2392	Cornwall Road, Gillingham ME7 1LS
Barnsole Infant School	2396	Barnsole House, Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham ME7 2JE
Barnsole Junior School	2394	Barnsole Road, Gillingham ME7 2JE
Brompton Westbrook Primary School	2646	Kings Bastion, Brompton, Gillingham ME7 5DQ
Byron School	2644	Byron Road, Gillingham ME7 5XX
Danecourt Special School	7031	Hotel Road, Gillingham ME8 6AA
Featherby Infant and Nursery School	2401	Allington Road, Gillingham ME8 6PD
Featherby Junior School	2400	Chilham Road, Gillingham ME8 6BT
Forge Lane Infant School	2402	Forge Lane, Gillingham ME7 1UG
Hillyfields Junior School	2472	Ingram Road, Gillingham ME7 1SJ
Napier Community School	2406	Napier Road, Gillingham ME7 4HG
Richmond Infant School	2407	Richmond Road, Gillingham ME7 1LS
Skinner Street Primary School	2408	Skinner Street, Gillingham ME7 1LG
Twydall Infant School	2410	Twydall Lane, Gillingham ME8 6JS
Twydall Junior School	2409	Romany Road, Gillingham ME8 6JH
Upbury Manor School	5454	Marlborough Road, Gillingham ME7 5HT
Woodlands Primary School	2412	Woodlands Road, Gillingham ME7 2DU

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order establishes the North Gillingham Education Action Zone, which comprises the schools listed in Schedule 2. The Order also provides (in articles 4 and 5) for the membership of the Education Action Forum for the zone.

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