EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE SCHOOL INFORMATION (ENGLAND) (AMENDMENT) (REVOCATION) REGULATIONS

2010 No. 1874

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Education and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

2.1 These Regulations revoke the School Information (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 No 1006 ("the Amendment Regulations").

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None

4. Legislative Context

4.1 The Amendment Regulations amend the School Information (England) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3093) and are due to come into force on 1 September 2010. The Amendment Regulations prescribe additional information that local authorities must make available in their composite prospectuses concerning schools in their area. They also place new requirements on school governing bodies to provide specific information within the school prospectus and also to publish the school prospectus on the school website, where it has one. More detail on the legislative context to the Amendment Regulations can be found in the Explanatory Memorandum to those Regulations.

4.2 The Amendment Regulations will affect school prospectuses and local authority composite prospectuses prepared for the 2011-12 academic year and subsequent years.

4.3 These Regulations revoke the Amendment Regulations.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies to England only.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

- ***What is being done and why***

7.1 The Government aims to reduce burdens on schools and local authorities. It is considered that the proposed amendments to the School Information (England) Regulations will increase burdens, and in light of this, Ministers have decided to revoke the Amendment Regulations.

7.2 Ministers are also considering further policy options and may bring forward additional changes to the School Information (England) Regulations 2008 at a later date.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 We consulted on the proposed changes to the School Information (England) Regulations 2008 in a consultation which concluded on 1st February 2010. There were a relatively small number of responses to that consultation, further details of which can be found in the Explanatory Memorandum to the Amendment Regulations. As it is considered that the effect of these Regulations is to reduce the burdens on schools, there has been no consultation on the revocation of the Amendment Regulations**.**

9. Guidance

9.1 None. There is already guidance on the existing requirements.

10. Impact

10.1 No impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.

10.2 The impact on the public sector is minimal.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

11.1 The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring & review

12.1 None.

13. Contact

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