

ADMISSIONS FORUM

Meeting: 12 March 2003
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Paul Porgess)	
Councillor Colin Foster)	
Councillor Jenny Humphreys)	Representing Stockport MBC
Councillor Les Leggett)	
Councillor Mary Loftus)	

Marjorie Brown (Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools Representative)
Will Montgomery (Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools Representative)
Bernadette Singleton (Voluntary Aided Schools Representative)
Ian Roberts (Diocesan Board Church of England Representative)
Margaret Regan (Diocesan Board Roman Catholic Representative)
Renée Dickens (Local Community Representative)
Liz Parkinson (Local Community Representative)
Angela McCarr (Parents' Representative)
Chris Keeble (Education Services, Stockport Council)
Steve Worthington (Committee Manager)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED - That Councillor Paul Porgess be elected as Chair of the Admissions Forum, for a one year term of office.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED - That Councillor Jenny Humphreys be elected as Vice-Chair of the Admissions Forum, for a one year term of office.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2003 be approved as a correct record.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE FORUM

RESOLVED - That the following membership of the forum be confirmed:-

Councillor Jenny Humphreys
Councillor Mary Loftus
Councillor Paul Porgess
Councillor Colin Foster
Councillor Les Leggett
Marjorie Brown -Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools Representative
Will Montgomery - Community and Controlled Schools Representative
Bernadette Singleton - Voluntary Aided Schools Representative
Ian Roberts - Diocesan Board Church of England Representative
Margaret Regan - Diocesan Board Roman Catholic Representative
Renée Dickens - Local Community Representative
Liz Parkinson - Local Community Representative
Angela McCarr - Parents' Representative

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Director for Education Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the proposed terms of reference for the Admissions Forum.

RESOLVED - (1) That the terms of reference as detailed in the report be approved.

(2) That legal advice be sought in respect of clarifying possible conflicts of interests and consequent declarations of interest at future meetings from members of the Forum.

6. RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL ADMISSION CONSULTATION 2004/05

The Director for Education Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the outcome of the annual consultation on admission arrangements at maintained primary and secondary schools in the Borough for the academic year 2004/05.

An amendment to annexe 3, appendix 1 to the report was reported detailing revised figures for nett capacity assessments in respect of Dial Park Primary School from 262 to 238 and a consequent amendment to the indicated admission number from 37 to 34 which would put the school below the proposed admission limit of 35.

RESOLVED - (1) That the Executive be advised:

(i) To determine admission limits for 2004/05 at community and voluntary control primary schools as proposed in appendix 1, annexe 3 of the report and to publish notices in the local newspaper in respect of the following schools:-

Broadstone Hall Primary School;
The Dale Primary School;
Fir Tree Primary School;
Greave Primary School;
Lark Hill Primary School;
Mellor Primary School;
Moorfield Junior School;
Norris Bank Primary School.

(ii) To determine admission limits for 2004/05 at Community secondary schools as proposed in appendix 1, annexe 2 of the report and to publish notices in the local newspaper in respect of the following schools:-

Bramhall High School;
Cheadle Hulme College;
Hazel Grove High School;
The Kingsway School;
Marple Hall School;
Offerton High School;
Reddish Vale Technology College;
Stockport School;
Werneth School.

(iii) Take no further action at present with regard to the priority area boundaries for St Matthew's CE Primary School and Lark Hill Primary School;

(iv) To amend the admissions criteria for Bramhall High School to include:

Identified pupils with sensory impairment who meet the criteria for a place at the school to have the same level of priority as those who live in the priority area for the school.

(v) Not to proceed with the formal introduction of a Co-ordinated Scheme for Secondary School Admissions

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for 2004/05 but to pilot the scheme on an informal basis.

(vi) That the Council's Executive be requested that any merger proposal at Great Moor School should be considered at the School Admission Forum after the consultation and prior to any proposed merger being decided upon.

(2) That the Governing Bodies of Voluntary Aided Primary and Secondary Schools be advised:

(i) To determine the admission limits for 2004/05 as suggested in Appendix 1, Annex 4 of the report and to publish notices in the local newspaper in respect of the following schools:

North Cheshire Jewish Primary School and St Christopher's Primary School;

(ii) Of its support for the proposed changes to the admission policy in respect of Looked After Children as detailed in the report and its concern to ensure that all Voluntary Aided schools address this issue.

(iii) Of its support for the proposed changes to the admissions policy at Cheadle Catholic Infant School and Cheadle Catholic Junior School and that North Cheshire Jewish School (subject to its addressing the priority for Looked After Children); and

(iv) To advise the Executive that it should respond to these consultation items in the same manner.

7. SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS FOR THE 2003 YEAR

A report of the Director for Education was submitted (copies of which had been circulated) which detailed the schedule of business and for the forum for the meetings to be held on 12 March, 9 July and 15 October 2003.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.55 pm.