

## **ADMISSIONS FORUM**

Meeting: 14 March 2006  
At: 6.00 pm

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Jenny Humphreys (Chair)  
Councillor Mark Weldon (Vice- Chair)  
Councillor Stuart Bodsworth  
Councillor Colin Foster  
Councillor John Smith  
Marjorie Brown - Voluntary Controlled Schools Representative  
Renee Dickins - Community representative  
Patricia Goodstadt- Shrewsbury Diocese Representative  
Pat Morgan - Head of Service (Pupils, Parents & Schools)  
Jan Morris - Children & Young People Officer  
Evelyn Leslie - Secondary Heads Consortium  
Ian Roberts - Church of England representative  
Steve Fox - Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **1. MINUTES**

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 18 October 2006 were approved as a correct record.

It was requested that the Minutes of future meetings should be circulated as soon as possible to enable representatives to report back to their nominating body.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors, officers and members of the Forum were invited to declare any interests which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interest was declared:-

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Mark Weldon	Any issues relating to Brinnington Community Partnership as a member of the Board.

### **3. SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS AND SCHOOL TERM HOLIDAY DATES**

A representative of the Corporate Director, Children & Young People submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing (a) the outcomes of the annual consultation on admission arrangements including admissions policy review, community, voluntary controlled and voluntary aided admission limits, primary and secondary co-ordinated admissions schemes and relevant area and (b) school terms and holiday dates at maintained primary and secondary schools in the Borough, for the academic year 2008/2009.

RESOLVED - (1) That, in relation to admissions arrangements, the Executive be recommended to adopt the following criteria for the admission of pupils to primary and secondary Community and Voluntary Controlled schools:

Regulations require that places are provided:

- For pupils who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school;
- For Children in Public Care

Following this, places will then be allocated as follows:

- Sibling applicants;
- Highly exceptional medical/social reasons;
- Children resident within the priority area of the school;
- Other applicants

(2) That the use of straight line distance for measurement purposes be maintained

(3) That the Executive be recommended to agree the following:-

- (i)
  - (a) to approve the Governors request at Offerton High School to reduce the admission limit from 200 to 180 and
  - (b) to determine Admission Limits for 2008/09 at Community & Voluntary Controlled schools as set out in the report;
- (ii)
  - (a) to recommend the approval of Our Lady's Catholic Primary School request to reduction the 2008/09 Admission Limit from 34 to 30;
  - (b) to recommend the approval of St James' Catholic High School request to increase the 2008/09 Admission Limit from 151 to 160 and
  - (c) to determine the Admission Limits for 2008/09 at Voluntary Aided primary and secondary schools as set out in the report;
- (iii) to publish notices in the local newspaper for those schools where the Indicated Admission Number is above the Admission Limit, as indicated in the report;
- (iv) to adopt the amended Primary and Secondary Coordinated Admission Schemes, updated to:
  - a. reflect the outcomes of the consultation;
  - b. the incorporation of the Academy; and,
  - c. the timetable for 2008/09 admissions.
- (v) to maintain the current pattern of relevant areas for Community, Voluntary controlled and Voluntary Aided schools, and to recommend the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport as the

relevant area for the Academy;

- (vi) to approve the school terms and holiday dates for 2008/09 as set out in Appendix 3 and continue to work towards consistency of practice with neighbouring authorities.

(4) That the Executive be requested to give further consideration in respect to the funding of the admissions Team before the incorporation of the Academy (see point (iv) b. above

#### **4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED - That the next meeting be held on Thursday 24 May 2007 at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm