

ADMISSIONS FORUM

Meeting: 16 March 2004
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Jenny Humphreys (Vice-Chair) in the Chair
Councillor Paul Carter
Councillor Chris Elwood
Councillor Colin Foster
Councillor Anthony O'Neill
Chris Keeble – Education Services
Jan Morris – Education Services
Mark Rogers – Education Services
Marjorie Brown – Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools Representative
Ian Roberts – Church of England Diocesan Board
Margaret Regan – Roman Catholic Diocesan Board
Liz Parkinson – Local Community Representative
Will Montgomery – Community and Voluntary Schools Representative
Bernadette Singleton – Voluntary Aided Schools Representative
Steve Fox – Chief Executive's Service

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED – The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 15 October 2003 be approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers were invited to declare any interests which they had in any of the items on the agenda for this meeting.

The following interests were declared:-

<u>Member</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Councillor Paul Carter	Any items relating to St James' Catholic High School as a Governor.
Councillor Colin Foster	Any items relating to St John's Church of England Primary and Priestnall Schools as a Governor.
Bernadette Singleton	Any items relating to St Philips Primary School as the Headteacher.
Ian Roberts	Any items relating to Lum Head Primary and The Kingsway Schools as a Governor.
Will Montgomery	Any items relating to Werneth School as the Headteacher.

3. EDUCATION APPEALS COMMITTEE

A joint report (copies of which had been circulated) of the Chief Executive and Director for Education Services was submitted on the work of the Education Appeals Committee over the last twelve months and the impact of the Education Act 2002 on the work of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and the thanks of the Forum be extended to the members of the Education Appeals Committee for their hard work and dedication.

4. EDUCATION APPEALS MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY

A joint report (copies of which had been circulated) of the Chief Executive and Director for Education Services was submitted outlining the results of a recent satisfaction survey of the Education Appeals Committee members and suggesting consequential improvements.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL ADMISSION CONSULTATION 2005/2006

The Director for Education Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) on the outcomes of the annual consultation on admission arrangements at maintained primary and secondary in the Borough for the academic year 2005/2006.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Executive be recommended:-

- (i) to determine the admission limit for 2005/2006 at All Saints CE Primary School (Stockport) at 30 and other Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools as proposed in Annex 1 to the report;
 - (ii) 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 and Norris Bank Primary School;
 - (iii) to determine admission limits for 2005/2006 at Community Secondary Schools as proposed in Annex 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 and Werneth School.
 - (iv) to amend the Authority's School Admission Policy to allow Catholic applications for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools to be treated the same as non Catholic applicants, irrespective of whether they are also applying for a Catholic school place;
 - (v) to amend the priority area boundaries for Arden Primary; Bradshaw Hall Primary; Bredbury Green Primary, Broadstone Hall Primary; Dial Park Primary; Romiley Primary; St Mark's CE Primary and Warren Wood Primary, as proposed in Annex 5; and to amend the priority areas of Offerton High School and Stockport School to encompass the new Dial Park priority area within the Stockport School priority area;
 - (vi) adopt the Primary and Secondary Co-ordinated Admission Schemes as detailed in Annex 6.
- (2) That the Governing Body of St Philip's Catholic Primary School be advised to reconsider its proposal to raise the admission limit to 30 and instead consider an amendment to the School's Admission Policy.
- (3) That the Governing Body of St Anne's RC High School be advised of the Forum's support for the proposed reduction in the School's admission limit from 171 to 150 for 2005/2006.
- (4) That the Governing Body of Cheadle Catholic Infant School be advised of the Forum's support for the proposal to increase the School's admission limit from 86 to 90 for 2005/2006 .
- (5) Advise the respective governing bodies of the remaining Voluntary Aided Primary and Secondary schools to determine the Admission Limits for 2005/2006 as suggested in Annex 4, Table 1, Column (7) and Table 2, Column (7) and to publish notices in the local newspaper in respect of the following schools: North Cheshire Jewish Primary School and St Christopher's Catholic Primary School.
- (6) That the Governing Body of St James' Catholic High School be advised of the Forum's support for the proposed change to the School's Admission Policy as detailed in Section 6.1.
- (7) That the Executive be advised that it should respond to the consultation items listed in Recommendations (2)

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to (6) in the same manner.

(8) That the Executive and the Governing Body of each Voluntary Aided School be advised to maintain their current relevant areas.

(9) That the Director of Education Services be requested to inform Ladybridge Primary school and any other school in a similar position that the Primary Places Working Party is requested to consider proposals to reduce the admission limits to 30 or multiples thereof .

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

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