

ADMISSIONS FORUM

Meeting: 5 October 2004

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Colin Foster

Councillor Jenny Humphreys

Councillor Paul Porgess

Councillor David White

Mark Rogers - Education Services

Chris Keeble - Education Services

Jane Sargeant - Education Services

Sue Johnson - Education Services

Marjorie Brown - Primary Heads Consortium

Margaret Regan - Roman Catholic Diocesan Board

Liz Parkinson - Local Community Representative

Ian Roberts - Church of England Diocesan Board

Will Montgomery - Secondary Heads Consortium

Bernadette Singleton - Primary Heads Voluntary Aided Schools Representative

Steve Fox - Chief Executive's Services

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED - That Councillor Paul Porgess be elected Chair of the Admissions Forum until the next Annual Council Meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED - That Councillor Jenny Humphreys be appointed Vice-Chair of the Admissions Forum until the next Annual Council Meeting.

3. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 16 March 2004 were approved as a correct record.

4. 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>
Marjorie Brown	Any items relating to St Mary's Church of England Primary School as the Headteacher.
Bernadette Singleton	Any items relating to St Philip's Primary School as the Headteacher.
Ian Roberts	Any items relating to Lum Head Primary and The Kingsway as a Governor.

5. ADMISSIONS TO SECONDARY EDUCATION - EDUCATION APPEALS COMMITTEE

A joint report (copies of which had been circulated) of the Chief Executive and Director for Education Services was submitted, detailing information on the allocation of pupils to maintained secondary schools in September 2004, the pattern of admissions to secondary schools outside of the normal admissions round during 2003/04 and the work of the Education Appeals Panel over the previous 12 months period.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. PRIMARY PLACES REVIEW - PHASE TWO CONSULTATION

The Director for Education Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing consultation proposals for the removal of primary school surplus places by August 2006, primary school admission arrangements 2006/07 and a future Primary Places Policy.

The Director for Education Services made a presentation and answered members questions in relation to the report.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted and the decision of the Executive at its meeting on 4 October 2004 be endorsed.

7. SECONDARY SCHOOL SURPLUS PLACES REVIEW AND ANNUAL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2006/07 - CONSULTATION

The Director for Education Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) on the proposed consultation arrangements for commencing the review of secondary school places in Stockport.

The Director for Education Services made a presentation and answered members questions in relation to the report.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted and the decision of the Executive at its meeting on 4 October 2004 be endorsed.

8. SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR VULNERABLE PUPILS 2003/04

The Director for Education Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Authority's arrangements for the admission of vulnerable pupils to mainstream schools.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

9. ADMISSION LIMITS FOR NURSERY SCHOOLS AND EARLY YEARS CENTRES

The Director for Education Services submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the changes to admission limits at Stockport's nine nursery schools and early years centres.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting be held on Tuesday 1 March 2005 at 6.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.