

**LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM
THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2011**

Present:- Councillor Beaumont; Mr. G. Lancashire (Community Representative), Mrs. I. G. Hartley (Community Schools) and Mrs. H. Morris (Sheffield Diocese)

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillor Havenhand: Mrs. C. Cockayne (Community Representative), Mrs. P. Powell (Community Representative), Mr. P. Robins (Community Representative), Mr. B. N. Sampson (Community Representative), Mr. C. E. Kelsey (Community Schools), Father A. Hayne (Diocese of Hallam), Ms. C. Thorpe (Diocese of Hallam) and Mrs. H. McLaughlin (Voluntary Aided Schools)

12. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE MEETING

Agreed:- That Mrs. I. Hartley be appointed Chair of this meeting.

(Mrs. I. Hartley in the Chair)

13. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY, 2011

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Local Admissions Forum, held on 7th July, 2011, be approved as a correct record.

14. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(A) With regard to item 6 (Free Schools – Proposals for the Rotherham Borough Area – Update) the following details were noted:-

Brinsworth Comprehensive School became an Academy in October 2010
Wales High School became an Academy in October 2010
Aston Comprehensive School became an Academy on 1 May 2011
Winterhill Comprehensive School has now become a Foundation Trust School

The progress of the possible development of a 'free school' in the centre of Rotherham was discussed. It was noted that the proposal for a 'free school' in the Dearne area was not now proceeding.

(B) With regard to item 7 (Travellers Children), there was no further information concerning any development of a site in the Rotherham Borough area for the travellers community.

(C) With regard to item 9 (Admission Appeals and pressure on primary school places), Members noted the proposals to provide building extensions and additional accommodation at both the Flanderwell and the Thornhill Primary Schools.

15. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM

Details of the current membership of the Rotherham Local Admissions

Forum were noted and it was agreed that every endeavour be made to fill the vacant places.

16. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - RESTRUCTURING AND SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

The Local Admissions Forum was informed of recent changes to the organisational structure of the Borough Council's Children and Young People's Services Directorate, including the School Admissions, Organisation and Special Educational Needs Assessment Service.

17. SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION FOR ENTRY IN THE 2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Head of School Admissions, Organisation and Special Educational Needs Assessment Service concerning the admission arrangements (ie: criteria and admission number) which would apply for school admission in the 2013/2014 academic year.

The timetable for the year is:-

Autumn Term, 2011	governing bodies to consider the arrangements which will apply
by 19 th December, 2011 the	all relevant details to be forwarded to Borough Council
from 4 th January until 2 nd March, 2012	period of consultation via the Borough Council's Internet web site
by end of March, 2012	Borough Council and the Local Admissions Forum consider any changes and forward any comments to appropriate Admission Authority(ies)
by 13 th April, 2012	all admission authorities to determine their arrangements and notify those consulted

The report made reference to the admission criteria and numbers for both community and controlled schools and for voluntary aided schools. The Local Admissions Forum noted that there were no proposed changes to the admission criteria for 2013/2014.

Included within the report were details of each community and controlled school's proposed admission number for 2013/2014 (appendix two of the report submitted).

The Borough Council currently co-ordinates admission arrangements

during the normal admission round. It was noted that these co-ordinated arrangements would be continuing.

Agreed:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Local Admissions Forum detailing the outcome of the consultation process about the school admission arrangements for the 2013/14 academic year.

18. SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CODE AND SCHOOL ADMISSIONS APPEAL CODE - REVISIONS

Discussion took place on the revised School Admissions Code and School Admissions Appeal Code, which would become effective from 1 February 2012 and affect the 2013/14 admissions intake.

19. ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2012/2013 - DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKLETS

Members of the Local Admissions Forum will be able to gain access to the details of admission to primary school 2012/2013, via the Borough Council Internet web site. A limited number of booklets are also available to parents upon request.