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**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

5<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

**Report of**  
Councillor John Blundell

**Title**  
Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry School Admissions Forum

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### **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of Coventry City Council Schools Admissions Forum over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 This is a statutory body and is set out in regulations under The Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements (Amendment) Regulation 1999 (SI 1999/126) as amended by SI 2002/2896 and SI 2007/497) therefore ongoing appointment of elected members to the Forum is required.

### **3 Information on Work of Outside Body**

- 3.1 Admission Forums have a key role in ensuring a fair admissions system that promotes social equity, does not disadvantage one child compared to another and which is straightforward and easy for parents to understand. Forums are responsible for monitoring compliance with this Code and have important powers to publish a report on the effectiveness of local admission arrangements and to refer an objection to the Schools Adjudicator where they consider admission arrangements to be unfair or not in accordance with this Code.

Over the year the following items were considered:

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- Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements 2008/09.
- New code of practice 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007.
- Change to admission numbers.
- In year fair access protocol (setting up of Social Inclusions Panel)
- Report on children from abroad.
- Transport arrangements – DCFS new guidance

### **4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

- 4.1 Required under regulations.

**5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

5.1 City Council nominated members of the School Admission Forum over the previous twelve months are Councillors Blundell, Crookes (from May 2007), Duggins, Kelly, Lee and Sawdon (to May 2007). Over the previous twelve month period there have been four meetings of the forum, attendance details are as follows:-

Councillor Blundell	4
Councillor Crookes	1 (entitled to attend 2)
Councillor Duggins	3
Councillor Kelly	1
Councillor Lee	4
Councillor Sawdon	0 (entitled to attend 2)

Councillor Crookes also attended one meeting as substitute for Councillor Sawdon

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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