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**Report to**

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

14<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**Report of**

Councillor John Blundell

**Title**

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Schools Admissions Forum 2009-2010

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**1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This report 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:

- Co-ordination of admission arrangements for 2010/11
- Expanding primary school places
- In year fair access protocol monitoring
- Report on children from abroad
- Transport arrangements
- Review of composite prospectus for parents
- Choice adviser annual review
- Monitoring on in year transfers and admissions, appeals, and parental preference allocations for September 2009
- Consultation on admission arrangements for 2011/12
- Local Authority annual report
- Membership and constitution

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

4.1 Regulatory Requirement.

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

5.1 City Council nominated members of the Schools Admission Forum over the previous twelve months are Councillors Blundell, Andrews (to May 2009), Crookes (to May 2009) , Duggins (to May 2009) and Kelly. Over the period January 2009 to December 2009 inclusive there have been four meetings of the forum, attendance details are as follows:-

Councillor Blundell	4
Councillor Andrews	0 (entitled to attend 2)
Councillor Crookes	2 (entitled to attend 2)
Councillor Duggins	0 (entitled to attend 2)
Councillor Kelly	1

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

#### List of background papers

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Schedule of City Council Appointments to Outside Bodies