
Report to

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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Report of

Councillor Lynette Kelly

Title

Report Back on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Coventry Schools Admissions Forum 2010-2011

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 (Admission Forums) Regulations 2002 S.S No 2900 as amended by The Education (Admission Forums) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007, S.I. No. 192. These regulations provide that "the core members of a forum shall comprise— at least one and not more than 5 who are members of the authority". 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 in year 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 2010
- Consultation on admission arrangements for 2012/13
- Local Authority annual report

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 Regulatory Requirement.

Regulations provide that "the core members of a forum shall comprise at least one and not more than 5 who are members of the authority".

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 (to May 2010), Kelly and Mrs Johnson (from September 2010). Over the period January 2010 to December 2010 inclusive there have been four meetings of the forum, attendance details are as follows:-

Councillor Blundell	1 (entitled to attend 2)
Councillor Kelly	3 (entitled to attend 4)
Councillor Mrs Johnson	1 (entitled to attend 2)

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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