

SCHOOL PLACEMENT PANEL

MINUTES

28 NOVEMBER 2012

- Chairman:** * Councillor Krishna James
- Councillors:** * Mrs Camilla Bath * Asad Omar
- Co-optees:** * Mr M Baumring – Kenmore Park Junior School
* Mr E Lumley – Park High School

* Denotes Member present

274. Attendance by Reserve Members

RESOLVED: To note that:

- (1) there were no Reserve Councillor Members in attendance at this meeting;
- (2) Mr M Baumring, Headteacher of Kenmore Park Junior School, was reserving for Ms G Caroli, Headteacher of Grimsdyke School.

275. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

Agenda Item 8 – Admission to County Schools

Councillor Camilla Bath declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a governor of Whitchurch First School and Nursery, Harrow High School and St. George's Roman Catholic School. She would remain in the room for the consideration of any cases relating to those schools.

Councillor Asad Omar declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above item in that he was a governor of Nower Hill School. He would remain in the room for the consideration of any cases relating to that school.

Mr M Baumring, declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to cases H201, H205, H206 and H207 as he was the Headteacher of Kenmore Park Junior School. He would leave the room during the consideration of these cases.

Mr Emlyn Lumley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to case H26 as he was the Headteacher of Park High School. He would leave the room during the consideration of this case.

276. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2012, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

277. Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions were put, or petitions or deputations received at this meeting.

278. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item for the reason set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason</u>
8.	Admission to County Schools	Information under paragraph 1 (contains information relating to any individual).

279. Admission to County Schools

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, cases P191-P207 and case H26 were admitted late to the agenda to allow the Panel to allocate an appropriate place to the applicants. P190 had been circulated with the main agenda.

The Panel was informed that cases P190, 191 and 195 were withdrawn as school places had been offered to the children.

On 28 November 2012, there were 16 children for whom admissions staff could make no reasonable offer of a school place. The School Placement Panel was requested to recommend to the Corporate Director of Children and Families to authorise the admission of these pupils to a school where no places existed in the relevant year group.

Letters from the headteachers of Whitchurch First and Nursery, Belmont, Welldon Park Infant, Camrose Primary, Roxbourne Infant, Stanburn Infant, Roxeth Primary, Whitchurch Junior, Newton Farm Infant and Junior, Aylward Primary and Heathland Schools were circulated at the meeting. The letters

referred to pressures being experienced at schools, which the Panel considered prior to allocating the schools to the 16 children. Additionally, oral representations were received from Mr E Lumley in relation to case H26 prior to his leaving the room due to his interest.

The Panel also noted that the letters from the various headteachers were responded to by the Admissions Service following meetings of the Panel.

During consideration of these cases, and upon questions from Panel Members, a representative from the Admissions Service advised that the criteria for Faith Schools were published and publicly available. She added that allocation of places was in accordance with their oversubscription criteria and that all schools were subject to the Fair Access Protocol. A letter that had been sent to the voluntary aided schools would be circulated to Panel Members.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to the Corporate Director of Children and Families)

That offers of admission to schools be made as follows:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Admitting School</u>
P192	Reception	Grange Primary
P193	1	Glebe Primary
P194	1	Elmgrove Primary and Nursery
P196	1	Grange Primary
P197	1	Heathland
P198	1	Grange Primary
P199	1	Elmgrove Primary and Nursery
P200	1	Weald Junior
P201	1	Glebe Primary
P202	1	Stag Lane Infant
P203	2	Stag Lane Infant
P204	2	Heathland
P205	3	Stag Lane Junior
P206	4	Glebe Primary
P207	4	Stag Lane Junior
H26	11	Hatch End High

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 10.40 am, closed at 11.26 am).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR KRISHNA JAMES
Chairman