

SCHOOL PLACEMENT PANEL

MINUTES

20 MARCH 2013

Chairman:	Councillor Krishna James	
Councillors:	* Mrs Camilla Bath	* Asad Omar (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
	* Mrinal Choudhury (2)	
Co-optees:	* Ms G Caroli	– Grimsdyke School
	* Mr E Lumley	– Park High School

* Denotes Member present
(2) Denotes category of Reserve Member

305. Attendance by Reserve Members

RESOLVED: To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Member:-

Ordinary Member

Councillor Krishna James

Reserve Member

Councillor Mrinal Choudhury

306. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

Agenda Item 8 – Admission to County Schools

Councillor Mrs Camilla Bath declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a governor at Whitchurch First School, St George's Catholic Primary School and Harrow High School.

Councillor Mrinal Choudhury declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a governor of Elmgrove Primary School and Nursery, and a Member of the

Planning Committee, which was considering planning applications for expansion of some schools.

Councillor Asad Omar declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a governor of Nower Hill High School.

They would remain in the room for the consideration of any cases relating to that school.

Ms G Caroli, Headteacher of Grimsdyke School, declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to cases P356, P358, P359, P362, P366, and P369. She would leave the room during the consideration of these cases, as they related to Grimsdyke School.

307. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2013, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

308. Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations

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

309. 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).

310. Admission to County Schools

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, cases P344 - P376 were admitted late to the agenda to allow the Panel to allocate an appropriate place to the applicants. In addition, a number of letters from various schools were circulated to the Panel for their consideration prior to making any decisions. A grid setting out the pupil numbers and the distances to schools was also circulated.

On 20 March 2013, there were 28 children for whom admissions staff could make no reasonable offer of a school place, having noted that an additional 6 children had, since the issue of the agenda and supplemental agendas, been allocated 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.

Following consideration of the cases, a Councillor queried a recent government announcement for the need for 88,000 additional extra school places in the country for children from September 2013. She asked how Harrow was affected and how the Council would address such an expansion, as it would be remiss for the Panel not to ask for such information, including the issue of available teaching staff. The Member agreed to draft a letter for the Chairman's approval to be sent to the Corporate Director of Children and Families and the Chief Executive.

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

That offers of admission to schools be made as follows:

<u>Case No</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Admitting School</u>
1	P343	2	Withdrawn from consideration as school place had been allocated
2	P344	Reception	Withdrawn from consideration as school place had been allocated
3	P345	Reception	Norbury
4	P346	Reception	Marlborough Primary
5	P347	Reception	Weald Infant
6	P348	Reception	Whitefriars Community
7	P349	Reception	Glebe Primary
8	P350	Reception	Krishna Avanti
9	P351	Reception	Grange Primary
10	P352	Reception	Elmgrove Primary and Nursery
11	P353	1	Grange Primary
12	P354	1	Heathland
13	P355	1	Roxeth Primary
14	P356	1	Grimsdyke
15	P357	1	Marlborough Primary
16	P358	1	Cannon Lane Infant
17	P359	1	Weald Infant and Nursery
18	P360	1	Whitchurch First
19	P361	2	Marlborough
20	P362	2	Weald Infant
21	P363	2	Elmgrove Primary and Nursery

22	P364	2	Withdrawn from consideration as school place had been allocated
23	P365	2	Whitefriars Community
24	P366	2	Cedars Manor
25	P367	2	Pinner Park Infant
26	P368	2	Withdrawn from consideration as school place had been allocated
27	P369	2	Grimsdyke
28	P370	3	Withdrawn from consideration as school place had been allocated
29	P371	3	Withdrawn from consideration as school place had been allocated
30	P372	3	Camrose Primary and Nursery
31	P373	4	Camrose Primary and Nursery
32	P374	5	Whitchurch Junior
33	P375	5	Marlborough Primary
34	P376	5	Elmgrove Primary and Nursery

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 10.35 am, closed at 11.16 am).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR ASAD OMAR
Vice-Chairman in the Chair