

SCHOOL PLACEMENT PANEL

MINUTES

31 OCTOBER 2012

Chairman:	† Councillor Krishna James
Councillors:	* Husain Akhtar * Asad Omar (Vice-Chairman * Thaya Idaikkadar (2) in the Chair)
Co-optees:	Ms G Caroli – Grimsdyke School Ms L Rowlands – Canons High School

- * Denotes Member present
- (2) Denotes category of Reserve Member
- † Denotes apologies received

262. Attendance by Reserve Members

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

<u>Ordinary Member</u>	<u>Reserve Member</u>
Councillor Krishna James	Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar

263. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

Agenda Item 8 – Admission to County Schools

Prior to consideration of the relevant case, P170, Councillor Husain Akhtar declared a non pecuniary interest in that he was Chairman of Governors at Grange Primary School. As he was the Chairman, he felt that it would be proper for him to leave the room during consideration of the case.

Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar declared a non pecuniary interest in that he was a governor for Welldon Park Middle School. He would remain in the room for consideration of any cases relating to that school.

264. Minutes

In accordance with Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 October 2012 were tabled at the meeting. The minutes were not available at the time the main agenda was printed and circulated as they were being consulted on. Members were requested to consider this item, as a matter of urgency, so that the minutes could be agreed at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2012, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

265. Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations

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

266. 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).

267. Admission to County Schools

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, cases P165-P174 were admitted late to the agenda to allow the Panel to allocate an appropriate place to the applicants.

On 31 October 2012, there were 11 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.

The following information was also tabled at the meeting:

- letter from the Headteacher of Roxeth Primary School saying that the relevant classes at the school were full;
- letter from the Headteachers of Camrose Primary School and Nursery about the pressures being experienced in the relevant year;

- schools that were over pan at 26 June 2012;
- school totals up to case P182;
- movement and mobility from School Placement Panel allocations.

Members welcomed the additional statistics provided by officers from the Admissions Service. A Member commented that since the age of transfer was altered, surplus accommodation was created in some schools, and that some schools had used this additional space to accommodate an additional class, resulting in less children in each class. In response, an Admissions Officer stated that due to pressures in primary schools, some bulge classes had been created and more were planned. However, she would report back on the aspect raised by the Member.

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>
P164	Reception	Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery
P165	Reception	Whitchurch Junior
P166	1	Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery
P167	1	Roxbourne Infant
P168	1	Roxbourne Infant
P169	1	Weldon Park Infant and Nursery
P170	1	Grange Primary
P171	3	Camrose Primary and Nursery
P172	4	Camrose Primary and Nursery
P173	4	Cedars Manor
P174	5	Whitchurch Junior School

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 10.30 am, closed at 10.50 am).

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