



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**ADMISSIONS FORUM 5
MARCH 2008**

ITEM 6

Consultation on Admission Arrangements 2009 - 2010

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 To note and support the Authority's stance on the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Derby City and to note the admission arrangements for Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools in the City.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The new Code of Practice on School Admissions came into force on 27 February 2007 and required all admission authorities to 'act in accordance' with the code rather than merely 'have regard to' the Code. The admission arrangements for all schools in the city fully comply with the new requirements.
- 2.2 Consultation documents were issued to all Community and Voluntary controlled schools in December 2007, with a full pack of all schools' admission arrangements issued to all schools in January 2008. Comments were invited on the Council's admission arrangements and no comments were received.
- 2.3 With regard to Foundation and Voluntary Aided Schools, the Council wrote to West Park and Merrill College in relation to their proposals to reduce their Published Admission Numbers. West Park is looking to reduce their PAN from 260 to 240. The Council believes that such a reduction would be too great in one academic year, as pupil projections indicate a more gradual reduction would be in line with parental preference.
- 2.4 Merrill College are seeking to reduce their PAN by less than the school's net capacity. The PAN is currently 240, and the College is looking to reduce to 210. The Council objected to this reduction as the current PAN of 240 was set based on projected pupil trends and the college was built to accommodate 240.

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Background papers: None

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 - Consultation Document on Admission Arrangements 09/10

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. The City Council's current admission arrangements offer all parents an equal opportunity to express their preferences as to which school(s) they wish their children to attend.