SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FORUM MEMBERSHIP

RECOMMENDATION

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1   To note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2.1   At the last meeting of the School Admissions Forum on 21 March 2007, it was requested that the list of membership be provided in order to clarify the provisions of the new Education Regulations 2007, which came into force on 27 February 2007. As a result school members must now be included in the membership.

2.2   The forum asked the solicitor present at the 21 March meeting to write to the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) to express their concerns about the perceived differences between the core membership and the 'new' school members. A copy of the DfES's response is attached at Appendix 2 of this report.

2.3   There are two types of membership on the School Admissions Forum; the Core Members and the School Members.

Core Membership

2.4   The requirements for core membership are set out in The Education (Admissions Forums) (England) Regulations 2002 and a list of the Core Members is attached at Appendix 3 of this report. The core membership includes the three school groups:

- Community and Voluntary Controlled schools
- Foundation schools, and
- Voluntary Aided schools

School Membership

2.5   In addition to the core membership all schools may send a representative to attend the School Admissions Forum meetings. The Forum was advised at the last meeting that schools do not have to send a representative each time and could arrange with other schools in their cluster to attend on their behalf. Therefore an item was added to the Schools' Circular, inviting schools to nominate a representative from each cluster to attend the Forum meetings. A list of the Cluster representatives received at the time of writing this report is attached at Appendix 4.

2.6 **Alternate Members**
Provision is made under the Education (Admissions Forums) (England) Regulations 2002 for any member of the forum to nominate an alternate member to attend meetings in his/her absence (regulation 10). Therefore a cluster may wish to nominate more than one representative to the forum who could attend the meetings in rotation.

Schools not entitled to be represented
2.7 Special Schools are not entitled to be represented on the forum as statemented pupils are allocated a school place according to their needs and therefore not subject to the admissions criteria.

Voting
2.8 The Admissions Code of Practice states that the forum is a body which should come to a consensus on decisions and therefore the need for members to vote on decisions should be unnecessary. The exception is that the core membership would decide on such matters as setting the quorum and the appointment of Chair/Vice Chair. The forum also has the power to refer objections to admission arrangements to the schools adjudicator. It can decide to do so by simple majority. If the vote is tied the Chair or, in their absence, the Vice-Chair, has a second and casting vote.

Quorum
2.9 At the meeting of the forum on 21 March 2007 the quorum was set at eight members and that, as far as possible, decisions would be considered and taken by all members of the forum. See paragraph 2.7 above.

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.   None arising from this report.

Membership to School Admissions Forum

Councillors – 5	Allen, Bolton, Ginns, Rawson, Willoughby	1 year appointment until 20 May 2008
Parent Governors - 2	Dr Keerthi Devendra 64 Sutton Avenue Chellaston Derby DE73 6RJ Nasreen Iqbal 40 Peartree Crescent Peartree Derby	4 year appointment until 17 July 2011
C of E Schools – 1	Alison Brown The Derby Diocesan Board of Education Derby Church House Full Street Derby DE1 3DR	4 years appointment until 17 July 2011
Community and Voluntary Controlled – 3	Mrs Carran Stevenson Chair of Governors 58A Meadow Lane Chaddesden Derby DE21 6PU Kathy Mayer Headteacher Cherry Tree Hill Infant School Lime Grove Chaddesden Derby DE21 6WL David Keys 70 Knightsbridge Mackworth Derby DE22 4GH	4 year appointment until 17 July 2011

Foundation Schools – 2	Paul Davis Headteacher Noel-Baker Community School and Language College Bracknell Drive Alvaston Derby DE24 0BR Roger Shipton Headteacher Merrill College Brackens Lane Alvaston Derby DE24 0AN	4 year appointment until 17 July 2011
Voluntary Aided – 1	Sara Bull Headteacher Bishop Lonsdale CofE Primary School St Alban's Road Derby DE22 3HH	4 year appointment until 17 July 2011
Roman Catholic Church Diocese – 1	Edward Hayes Diocesan Centre Mornington Crescent Mackworth Derby DE22 4BD	4 year appointment until 17 July 2011
City Technology College – 1	Stephen Whiteley Landau Forte College Fox Street Derby DE1 2LF	4 year appointment until 17 July 2011
Co-opted Members	None	
Observer	Andrew Prince Derbyshire County Council Student Services Education Department County Hall Matlock Derbyshire DE4 3AG	

Cluster 1	**Cluster 5** Helen Hough Borrow Wood Junior School Arundel Drive Spondon Derby DE21 7QW
Cluster 2 Pat Geary Stonehill Nursery School Stonehill Road Derby DE23 6TJ	**Cluster 6** Claire Walker Portway Infant School Woodlands Road Allestree Derby DE22 2HE
Cluster 3 Kate McRae Griffe Field Primary School Grosvenor Drive Heatherton Village Derby DE23 3UQ	**Cluster 7**
Cluster 4 Paul Clarke Cavendish Close Junior School Deborah Drive Chaddesden Derby DE21 4RJ Clare Griffiths Parkview Primary School Springwood Drive Oakwood Derby DE21 2RQ	**Cluster 8** Alison Woodhouse St Peter's Church of England Junior School Church Street Littleover Derby DE23 6GD
	Cluster 9 Fiona McLaughlin Chellaston Infant School School Lane Chellaston Derby DE73 6TA