



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FORUM  
23 September 2009

ITEM 7

## Co-ordinated Admission Schemes for 2011-2012

### RECOMMENDATION

1. To note and support the Authority's stance on the co-ordination of admissions to all schools in Derby City

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The new Code of Practice on School Admissions came into force on 10 February 2009, and specified that all admissions to both primary and secondary schools are to be co-ordinated by the local authority from September 2010 onwards.
- 2.2 Whilst Derby City has had dealt with all such admissions since September 2005, the authority did not exchange data with other local authorities. This aspect is now a requirement of the code, and therefore the Department for Children, Schools and Families have imposed a set closing date for Primary Reception Intake and Junior Transfers, and a separate date for Secondary Transfers. The national closing date for Primary will be 15 January, and for Secondary will be 31 October.
- 2.3 It is not envisioned that the Secondary closing date will be an obstacle to the current processes. However, the imposition of a national closing date of 15 January will extend the date by which offers will be issued to parents. In order to exchange data with other local authorities, and to ensure that parents receive only one offer of a school place, the timescale completing this process means that offers will be issued on or around 9 May.
- 2.4 The code also imposed a mandatory 'three preferences' for primary applications. Currently Derby City operates two preferences.
- 2.5 The dates on the attached Primary Admission Scheme have been formulated after consultation with Derbyshire County Council, and ensures that the data can be exchanged with all admission authorities.

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**Background papers:** None

**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. None arising from this report.

**Legal**

2. There is a legal duty to conform to the requirements of the Code of Practice.

**Personnel**

3. There is no direct impact upon personnel issues arising from this report.

**Equalities impact**

4. There is no direct impact upon equality issues arising from this report. The Code of Practice requires that all applications are dealt with fairly and equitably in accordance with the relevant legislation.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

5. Relates to the council's objective of "Supporting everyone in learning and achieving"