

MEETING:	LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM
DATE:	5 NOVEMBER 2009
TITLE OF REPORT:	AMENDMENTS TO SCHOOL PLANNED ADMISSION NUMBERS
ADMISSIONS AND TRANSPORT MANAGER	ANDREW BLACKMAN

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To consider changes to the Planned Admission Numbers (PAN) at Kingsland CE Primary, Aylestone High School and Fairfield High School.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation

THAT Local Admissions Forum:

- (a) **agrees the change in PAN at all three schools**

Alternative Options

- 1 Maintain status quo.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 Rationale makes sense.

Introduction and Background

- 3 **Kingsland Church of England Primary School**

The Governors of Kingsland CE Primary School have requested an increase in their PAN from 18 to 20.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
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4 The recent Net Capacity Assessment undertaken for Kingsland CE Primary in October 2009 gives a capacity range between 105 and 150 workplaces. The school therefore does have the physical capacity to operate at a PAN of 20 (i.e. a potential total of 140 pupils across the 7 year groups).

5 For the 2009/2010 Admissions round Kingsland received 20 first preference applications.

Aylestone High School

6 The Governors of Aylestone have requested a decrease in their PAN from 180 to 150.

7 Their detailed proposal is shown in the Appendix.

Fairfield High School

8 The Governors of Fairfield High School have requested an increase in their PAN from 70 to 90.

9 They state:

“The Governors of Fairfield High School would formally like to request an increase in the school’s Published Admission Number.

At present this stands at 70 but the school caters for 79 in Year 11 and 87 in Year 7. The school would like to increase the PAN to 90 so that the school population can rise to 450 over time. This is in line with the Local Authority’s plans for the school as demonstrated in the Building Schools for the Future proposals for Herefordshire. It is also in line with section 2.24, page 65 of the Herefordshire Schools Task Group Interim Report which refers to a minimum size for secondary schools of 450 pupils.

The school would like to grow slowly and hence we would request a PAN of 90 for the Year 7 starting September 2010 and all future intakes but retain a PAN of 70 for other year groups. The school does not have the financial capacity to increase at one time in all year groups owing to funding arriving retrospectively and the necessary increase in staffing being unaffordable for all year groups. The accommodation is already in place as demonstrated by the way in which the school caters for the current Year 7.

It is anticipated that applications for places in Year 7 for the academic year starting September 2010 will support this figure and the Governors believe that this figure would deliver even better value for money than already delivered by the school which is judged by Ofsted to be outstanding.”

Key Considerations

10 Covered above in Introduction and Background.

Community Impact

11 A decision to agree an increase in Fairfield’s PAN will potentially impact upon neighbouring secondary schools.

Financial Implications

12 None identified.

Legal Implications

13 None identified

Risk Management

14 None identified.

Consultees

15 Not applicable.

Appendices

Appendix - Aylestone Business and Enterprise College (ABEC) proposal regarding revision to the school planned admission number

Background Papers

None identified.