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REPORT TO LEEDS ADMISSION FORUM

Date 2 February 2010

Venue: Civic Hall

Time: 4.00pm

Subject: Update on Annual Consultation on Admission Arrangements for September 2011

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members of the Admission Forum on the responses, so far, to the consultation on admissions arrangements for September 2011.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 The consultation on the proposed admission arrangements includes two significant changes relating to the coordinated scheme which will require local authorities to fully coordinate all applications for school places.

3 Main Issues

- 3.1 The consultation is seeking views on:

- **Coordinated scheme – annual cycle.** For September 2011 entry there will be full coordination in primary as well as secondary. There has been a national closing date for applications introduced in the legislation. For secondary this will be 31 October and the national offer day will remain at 1 March. For primary applications the legislation introduces a national closing date of 15 January 2011 and no national offer day stated. The offer date in Leeds for primary places will be 20 April 2011 which is in line with our neighbouring authorities.
- **Coordinated scheme – in year.** From January 2010 each local authority will have in place a published coordinated scheme for in year transfers. From September 2010 all in year transfers will be fully coordinated in line with the published scheme. This means that parents wishing to apply for any school place at any point in time will only need to contact the local authority.
- **In-year Waiting Lists.** It is proposed that the local authority will not be holding in-year waiting lists for any community or voluntary controlled schools. We cannot reconcile refusal of admission through Fair Access and hold a waiting list.
- **Changes to school admission numbers:**

Farsley Farfield	50 to 60
Valley View	30 to 60
Windmill	45 to 60
Clapgate	45 to 60
Blackgates	45 to 60
St Bartholomew's	60 to 75
Ryecroft	30 to 60
Calverley CE	45 to 60
Allerton CE	45 to 60
Horsforth West End	30 to 60 (45)
Cross Gates	30 to 60
Gildersome	30 to 60

4 Responses received

4.1 We have received 11 responses at the time of writing this report which are mainly positive and in agreement with our proposals. The closing date of the consultation is 5 February 2010. One response expressed concerns about the in-year coordination scheme. There has been no response around the concerns about the migration of children from the Colton area to Primary Schools within the Garforth Trust, so far.

5 Recommendation

5.1 That Admissions Forum note the update on the consultation.