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REPORT TO LEEDS ADMISSION FORUM

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SUBJECT: DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT NOVEMBER 2011

1. Background

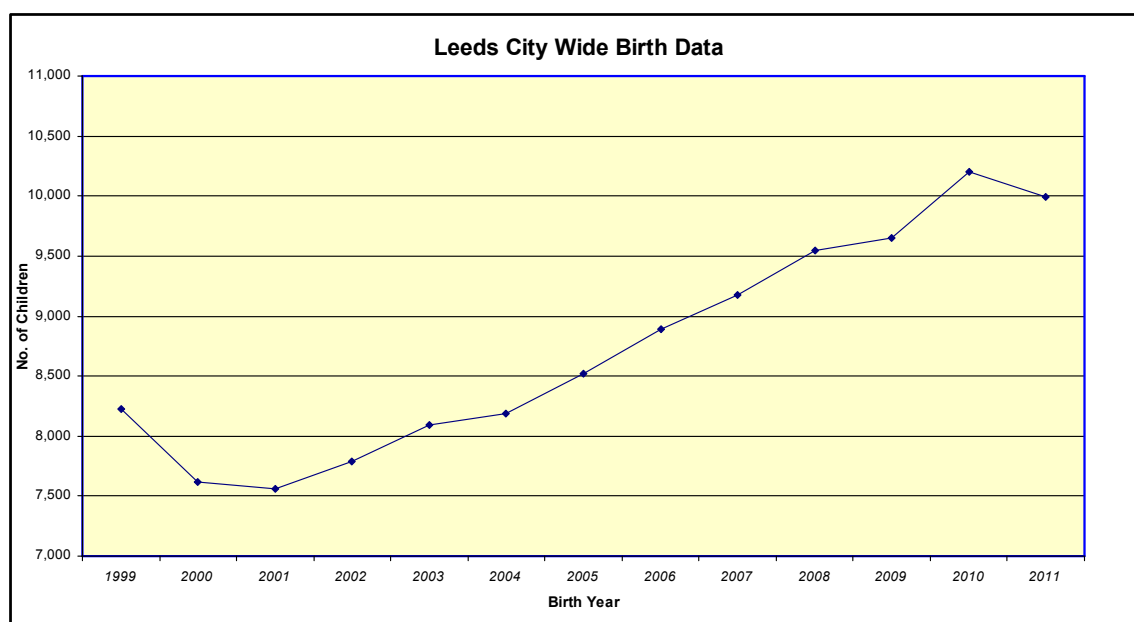
1.1 This report contains the school organisation team's annual update on the demographic picture in Leeds.

2. Authority wide demography

2.1 The birth rate across Leeds has significantly changed over the past 10 years. In 2001, Leeds saw its lowest birth numbers for some time with 7562 children being born between September 2000 and August 2001. Since that time the births have risen each year (with the exception of this year which saw a slight drop to the previous year). The latest data received from the Area Health Authority shows 9996 births were recorded in Leeds between September 2010 and August 2011. This averages at 243 extra children being born each year since 2001 and an overall change of over 32% in the last 10 years.

To meet rising demand for school places, nearly 700 additional reception places have been created since 2009. However, more places are still required and proposals are being developed to create these for 2013 and beyond.

The graph below shows how the birth rate across Leeds has changed since 1999.



- 2.2 The pressure for primary school places continues to vary across the city with the inner east and inner north east continuing to face the greatest pressures. However, this years preferences along with the latest Health authority under 5s data, show that the pressure is developing in some of the outer areas of the city, as the table below indicates.

Planning Area	Wedge	Schools	Places	Under 5s eligible school year		
				2013	2014	2015
Burmantofts	East	Brownhill, Ebor Gardens, Shakespeare, St Patrick's Catholic, St Peter's CE	225	225	236	228
Harehills	East	Bankside, Harehills, Hovingham, Oakwood, St Augustine's Catholic, St Nicholas' Catholic, Woodlands, Wykebeck	520	679	751	713
Osmondthorpe / Templenewsam	East	Austhorpe, Colton, Templenewsam Halton, Corpus Christi, Whitkirk, Meadowfield	285	326	323	304
Guiseley / Yeadon / Rawdon	North West	Guiseley Infant, St Oswald Junior, Hawskworth CE, Queensway, Tranmere Park, Rufford Park, St Peter & Paul Catholic, Rawdon Littlemoor, Rawdon St Peter's CE, Yeadon Westfield Infant, Yeadon Westfield Junior	390	408	461	405
Kirkstall / Burley / Hawskworth	North West	Beecroft, Burley St Matthias, Kirkstall St Stephen's CE, Kirkstall Valley, Hawskworth Wood, Sacred Heart Catholic	180	239	246	246
Woodhouse	North West	Little London, Blenheim, Quarry Mount	120	174	197	145
Belle Isle	South	Clappgate, Sharp Lane, Windmill	180	217	193	227
Beeston	South	Beeston, Cottingley, Hugh Gaitskell, St Anthony's Catholic	255	237	298	313
Holbeck	South	Beeston Hill St Luke's CE, Cross Flatts, Greenmount, Hunslet Moor, Ingram Road, New Bewerley, St Francis Catholic	310	362	411	393
Morley	South	Fountain PS, Newlands, Asquith, Churwell, Victoria, St Franci Catholic, Seven Hills	352	420	399	398
Middleton	South	Middleton, St Mary's CE, St Philip's Catholic, Westwood	190	224	236	261
Armley / Wortley	West	Armley, Castleton, Christ Church Upper Armley CE, Holy Family Catholic, Five Lanes, Greenhill, Lower Wortley, Whingate, St Bartholomew's CE	420	425	422	483
Bramley	West	Bramley, St Peter's Christ the King Catholic, Hollybush, Raynville, Whitecote	295	404	399	407

- 2.3 This year and next year will see the smallest year 7 cohorts entering secondary school before the numbers begin to rapidly rise. We are expecting the schools in the south of the city to be the first to feel the shortage of places by September 2014 and all other areas of the city to mirror this by 2016, although options exist to address this early pressure.

Planning for these extra places is underway with a priority being given to identifying any surplus or hidden capacity within these schools. This will include making sure the school is utilising their accommodation relevant to the delivery of the curriculum. The sixth form and 14-19 strategies will also be key to how schools best use their accommodation and may in turn provide options for expansion.

3. Approach to solution finding and timelines

- 3.1 The joint planning group setup last year, which includes representation from School Organisation, Estates, School Improvement, Early Years, Inclusion and Data Management, continues to meet on a regular basis and this has significantly helped develop solutions to the need for primary school places.

Links with other services within the council are key to the planning of school places and additional groups have been established including housing, which allows timely information to be shared around potential and current housing developments within the city. A schools review group meets regular which consists of council asset management colleagues and school organisation and looks at council owned sites which are now surplus, to determine whether any

of these could be used for developing additional school places.

Ward members briefings take place well ahead of any proposal being developed and support from the head teachers and governing bodies is sought during the development of any proposal. This ensures the best possible outcomes for children and young people, and provides a positive and constructive platform to deliver sustainable and successful provision.

3.2 There are currently 4 proposals to create a further 135 permanent reception places for September 2013/14. The 6 week public consultation period finished on the 21st October 2011 and a report will be submitted in December to the Executive Board, for these proposals which are listed below:

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- Expansion of Rawdon St Peter's C of E (VC) Primary School from 315 pupils to 420 (a 45 admissions limit to 60),
 - Expansion of Morley Newlands Primary School from 420 pupils to 630 (a 60 admissions limit to 90),
 - A competition for a new 420 place primary school (an admissions limit of 60) to open in 2013 in Harehills at Florence Street,
 - A competition for a new 420 place primary school (an admissions limit of 60) to open in 2104 in Beeston / Holbeck at the old South Leeds Sports Centre site,

The earliest a decision can be made on the two expansions is the spring time of 2012. The two proposals to run a competition mean that an additional stage of inviting and evaluating bids needs to happen; meaning the earliest a final decision can be made is summer 2012.

Further proposals to create additional places for 2013 are being developed and a request to consult on these will be sought from the executive board in December 2011.

3.4 Increasingly consideration to different models of delivery will need to be given. We have established the city's first 4-18 schools, and are running the first competitions to establish new schools. Free schools which are outside of local authority control, will also need to be factored into strategic planning.

We continue to look at the options for temporary cohorts where significant mobility or fluctuation in numbers make this more appropriate.

4. **Conclusion**

4.1 Admissions forum is asked to note the content of the report, including:

- The four proposals to create additional places for September 2013 & 2014
- Significant ongoing need for additional reception places
- Significantly increasing year seven cohorts entering secondary from 2014