

**Report of the Director of Children's Services**

**Report to the Outer North East Area Committee**

**Date: 5 December 2011**

**Subject: School Demographic update report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. This report presents the Area Committee with an update of the demographics and current situation for school places within the Outer North East area.

**Recommendations**

2. Members of the Area Committee are asked to consider the information contained in the report and comment on this

## 1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report is intended to provide members with an update by ward of the latest demographics including the numbers of children attending schools within these areas. The report also identifies known housing developments and the impact this may have on the schools within this area.

## 2 Background information

- 2.1 At the September 2011 Area Committee meeting a report was submitted titled Consultation on Expansion of Primary School Provision for September 2013, which gave details of public consultations that were underway to expand primary school provision across the city from 2013. The schools or areas proposed for expansion for 2013 were not located within the Outer North East.
- 2.2 Members have since requested that an update be given around demographics and school place planning within the Outer North East area.
- 2.3 The information put together in the report is based on the latest under 5s health authority data for Leeds, along with school numbers on roll taken from the latest school census data collection and pupil preference patterns.
- 2.4 We have established better processes for working with all schools and other stakeholders on an area by area basis to respond to trends and to plan and deliver a place at a local school for every child in the city. Ongoing engagement with Area Committees and ward members is essential to this process.

## 3 Main issues

Table A  
Under 5s breakdown by ward

Ward	Schools	Places available	Places allocated Sept 2011	Under 5s and year children will start school				
				2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Alwoodley	Allerton C of E, Alwoodley, Brodetsky, Highfield, St Pauls Catholic, Wigton Moor	315	301	256	263	278	300	284
Harewood	Aberford C of E, Bardsey, Barwick-in-elmets C of E, Collingham LEH C of E, Harewood C of E, Scholes, Shadwell, Thorner C of E	217	211	173	158	161	140	144
Wetherby	Bramham, Crossley Street, Deighton Gates, Primrose Lane, St Edward's, St James C of E, St Josephs Catholic, St Mary's C of E, Thorp Arch LEH C of E	220	210	234	211	201	212	179

### Alwoodley Ward

- 3.1 This ward has seen a steady increase in the number of births in recent years, although the latest figures show a slight drop by 5% on the previous year (table A). Having increased the admission numbers at both Allerton C of E and Highfield primary schools, there are now 315 reception places available within the Alwoodley ward.
- 3.2 In addition to this, the creation of two through schools in Roundhay and Meanwood which open in September 2012, will also ease pressure for primary school places within the North East.

- 3.3 There are no planned housing developments within this ward that would impact on the demand for school places.
- 3.4 There were 256 first preferences for schools within this ward on offer day and of these schools, only Alwoodley primary were unable to fit all its nearest children in. The current situation shows 4 children on the waiting list who have the school as their nearest. These children are currently attending Allerton C of E primary school.

### **Harewood Ward**

- 3.5 Latest area health data for 0-5s living within this ward show a decline in numbers for the next 4 years (table A). Applications for school places appear to have been at a peak for September 2011, but this has still been below the number of places available in reception.
- 3.6 Preference patterns show that parents often preference schools outside their own village. Collingham LEH, Harewood and Shadwell were the only schools that were oversubscribed this year. However, there were no refusals for nearest children at any of the schools. With numbers dropping across the ward as table A indicates, and no major changes up or down at any of the villages in terms of under 5s, there should no need for expansion of primary provision at present.
- 3.7 There are no planned housing developments within this ward, although there is a development in the Kippax & Methley ward close to Micklefield, which may have some impact on Aberford and Barwick. However, at the moment there is little movement between Micklefield and these villages in terms of school places so we would expect this to be minimal. We have submitted an application for section 106 contributions against this development.

### **Wetherby Ward**

- 3.8 The Wetherby ward is also showing a decline in births, however this is one area where cohorts typically increase after birth and we would therefore expect the 179 born this last year to have increased by the time these children enter reception.
- 3.9 All schools within the Wetherby area were oversubscribed with the exception of St James C of E. Crossley Street was the most popular choice for parents with a third of it's preferences coming from parents that have St James C of E as their nearest school. No nearest children were refused a place at any of the schools in Wetherby on offer day.
- 3.10 All schools within the Boston Spa area filled to their admission numbers, with the exception of Bramham primary. However, this school saw an increase in first preferences compared to recent years. There were no nearest children refused a place at any of the schools in the Boston Spa area on offer day.
- 3.11 We are aware of developers interest in sites at Church Field and Thorp Arch which could potentially create 165 and 400 houses respectively. If these developments are to progress, we would estimate a yield of 6 children per. Thorp Arch would be considerably more and we would estimate that this development could generate 14 children per year group, equivalent to half a form of entry. This is based on the completion of the developments, although these would be built in phases. We are currently in the process of seeking section 106 contributions should these progress, to support the need for school places generated from these developments.

## Secondary school place planning

- 3.12 The birth rate across Leeds hit its lowest point in the academic year 2000/2001. The children born in that year have now just started secondary school and we are seeing the lowest numbers entering year 7. From 2012 onwards we will start to see the rise in year 7 applications year on year, similar to what we have been experiencing in primary schools. We have already started planning for this and are currently looking at individual high schools to determine whether there is extra capacity to expand. Changes to the 14-19 provision will impact on the utilisation of existing high school capacity, and should release some additional places without the need for physical building schemes.
- 3.13 Of the secondary schools in the Outer North East, only Allerton High School has been filling to its admission number over the past few years as the table below shows. However, we would expect this to change as more applications for secondary schools are expected from 2012.

### Current numbers on roll

School	Admission number	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Allerton High	185	185	184	186	184	185
Boston Spa	300	187	230	224	263	270
Wetherby	170	137	159	159	167	170

## 4 Corporate Considerations

### 4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Any proposal to create additional school places requires engagement with a wide variety of stakeholders, and is managed in accordance with the relevant legislation. This occurs before a proposal has been developed as well as during the consultation period

### 4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 This report does not have a particular impact on any of the following groups: Race, Disability, Gender, Age, Sexual Orientation, Pregnancy and maternity, Religion or belief.

### 4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Any proposal brought forward would meet the Council's statutory duty to secure sufficient school places.

### 4.4 Resources and Value for Money

- 4.4.1 There are no resource implications relating to this report.

### 4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 There are no risk issues relating to this report.

#### **5 Conclusions**

5.1 This report updates Members of the demographics in their relevant wards as well as the current situation for school places. Currently there are no plans to expand any schools in the Outer North East, however demographics, housing and preference patterns will be monitored to ensure sufficient school places are available.

#### **6 Recommendations**

6.1 The Area Committee is requested to:

- Note and consider this report and make comment on any of the content.

#### **7 Background documents**

7.1 None