

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Report to the East (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 13 December 2011

Subject: Demographic update report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Crossgates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley and Temple Newsam	<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 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 East.
- 2.2 Members have since requested that an update be given around demographics and school place planning within the Outer 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	Under 5s and year children will start school				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Crossgates & Whinmoor	Fieldhead Carr, Grimes Dyke, Manston, Manston St James C of E, St Theresa's Catholic, Swarcliffe, Whinmoor St Paul's, White Laith	315	281	266	296	307	269
Garforth & Swillington	East Garforth, Green Lane Academy, Great Preston C of E, Ninelands, St Benedict's, Strawberry Fields, Swillington	295	215	197	194	187	173
Kippax & Methley	Allerton Bywater, Kippax Ash Tree, Kippax Greenfield, Kippax North, Ledston LEH C of E, Methley, Micklefield	260	232	234	284	265	243
Temple Newsam	Austhorpe, Colton, Corpus Christi Catholic, Meadowfield, Templenewsam Halton, Whitkirk	290	294	306	295	283	288

Crossgates & Whinmoor Ward

- 3.1 The number of births each year within this ward do tend to fluctuate, increasing one year and then dropping the next. Looking at the geographical areas, it is Swarcliffe and Whinmoor that seem to be showing the biggest increase in the birth numbers year on year.
- 3.2 St Theresa's Catholic and Fieldhead Carr primary were the only schools oversubscribed this year. However, all schools filled to their admission number by September. Swarcliffe increased its admission number from 30 to 45 in 2010 and there is some capacity at Grimes Dyke to increase should this be required in the future.

- 3.3 There are substantial housing development interests across this ward which could have a major impact on school places in the future. Currently there are two developments under construction. One is nearest to Grimes Dyke primary for 217 houses and we would estimate that this could generate 8 children per year group. The other one is nearest to Manston primary for 61 houses, which we estimate would generate 2 children per year group. With regards to the other developments, 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.

Garforth & Swillington Ward

- 3.4 The 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 do tend to outweigh the number of children living in the area due to children in surrounding areas applying for Garforth schools.
- 3.5 Only Green Lane Academy was oversubscribed this year and no nearest children were refused a place at this school. As of September 2011, most schools within the ward had filled to their admission number which shows that children living outside of this ward are still able to get a place in these schools.
- 3.6 There are no planned housing developments within this ward that would impact on the demand for school places.

Kippax & Methley Ward

- 3.7 This area has always been fairly low in terms of birth numbers with demand for school places being way below the number of places available. However in recent years as shown in table A, there has been a steady increase in the number of births in this ward with 2013 estimated to be a peak year in terms of applications for school places. The increase in the 0-5 year olds does appear to be mainly centred around Allerton Bywater where additional housing has been built in recent years.
- 3.8 There were a total of 204 first preference applications for schools within this ward for 2011 with only Ledston Lady Elizabeth C of E being oversubscribed. Less than 200 children that live in Kippax & Methley preferenced a school within the ward, with the others choosing schools in either Garforth or Castleford. No nearest children were refused a school place within this ward.
- 3.9 We are aware of a number housing developments across this ward of which some are currently under construction. If all the developments were to progress across Kippax & Methley, we would estimate these eventually generating over 30 children per year group, the equivalent to a one form of entry primary school. 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.

Temple Newsam Ward

- 3.10 The number of 0-5 year olds within this ward are at an average of 293 for each year group. These numbers tend to mirror the number of first preference applications for schools within this ward each year. In 2010, Whitkirk Primary School was expanded to 60 from 45 to cope with the extra demand
- 3.11 Colton and Templenewsam Halton primary schools are the most popular schools within the ward and were the only two schools that were oversubscribed. In terms of choosing schools, this ward is very much self contained with little drift outwards. A greater percentage of children are trying to get into schools within this ward from outside. Two children were refused a place at Colton Primary that had this as their nearest school on offer day. Since this time, these children have managed to obtain a place.
- 3.12 There are some children that are living on the edge of the village at Colton who do not get priority for Colton Primary as their nearest school. This has proved a problem for a number of parents living on or near to Darnley Lane, for whom Whitkirk Primary is their nearest school. However, this proves much more difficult to access from this area and we are currently in discussions with schools about this problem and evaluating options around possible expansion.
- 3.13 Within this ward, we are aware of one housing development that has detailed planning permission but construction has not yet started. This development is for 140 houses and is located closest to Meadowfield Primary School. We would estimate these creating 5 children per year group when fully complete.

Secondary school place planning

- 3.14 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.
- 3.15 All the secondary schools in the Outer East area are filling to their admission numbers, with the exception of Brigshaw who have seen a slight drop in numbers over the last couple of years. Garforth and John Smeaton are the most popular secondary schools in this area and were both oversubscribed for 2011/12 applications.

Current numbers on roll

School	Admission number	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Brigshaw	240	206	206	230	238	240
Corpus Christi	184	184	195	193	191	185
Garforth Academy	300	300	306	305	310	311
John Smeaton	180	180	189	201	171	139
Temple Moor	210	210	222	205	208	233

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. With the exception of the discussions ongoing around Colton, there are no plans to expand any schools in the Outer 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