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Report Title Outcome of Reception Admissions – September 2012

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1. Purpose of the Report

This paper is to advise the Forum on the outcome of the co-ordinated process for admission to reception class for the school year 2012/13.

2. Policy Context

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to co-ordinate applications to maintained schools in their area. Applications for reception class have been co-ordinated by the applicants home local authority in a pan London admissions scheme since the 2011/12 admissions year. Parents/carers are eligible to apply for up to six maintained schools and these are not restricted to the applicants home local authority.

3. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Forum consider the report and comment accordingly.

4. Background

4.1 The scheme for reception admissions for 2012/13 is now complete. The closing date for submitting a Common Application Form was 15 January 2012 and places were offered to all Lewisham applicants who had made an 'on time' application on 18 April 2012. Details of applications by location, school and ranked preference is contained in **Appendix 1**. This data also demonstrates where additional places were provided to meet demand. Appendix 2 shows the same data for the 2011/12 admissions round for comparison.

4.2 **Appendix 1** shows that there were a total of 3746 places available for the 2012/13 round. These places comprised of 3332 permanent places and an additional 414 places which were created prior to offer date to meet the continuing increase in demand. After 18 April 2012 30 additional places were created at both John Stainer and Rushey Green Schools and it was decided to withdraw the provision of an additional 30 places at Marvels Lane.

4.3 There were 3768 first preference applications to Lewisham primary schools in 2012/13 compared to 3629 first preference applications in 2011/12. Overall there were 12815 total applications for Lewisham schools compared to 12666 overall applicants in 2011/12.

- 4.4 **Appendix 2** provides data for 2011/12 for comparison. In this year there were a total of 3716 places available and 3629 first preference applications to Lewisham primary schools made.
- 4.5 **Appendix 3** provides data on outcomes with previous years comparisons. On offer day 2836 (75%) of Lewisham children were offered their first preference of school. In 2011 there were 3620 Lewisham children in the admissions round and the same proportion (75%) of children were offered their first preference school.
- 4.6 On 18 April 2012 3496 Lewisham children (92%) were offered one of their preferred schools which compares to 3373 (93%) of Lewisham children in the 2011 admissions round.
- 4.7 On 18 April 2012 303 (8%) Lewisham children could not be offered one of their preferred schools and they were offered an alternative school where there was still a vacancy. Of these;
- 29 children (10%) were offered a school place within half a mile from their home address
 - 69 children (23%) were offered a school place within half and one mile from their home address
 - 147 children (49%) were offered a school place within one mile and one and half miles from their home address
 - 57 children (19%) were offered a school place within one and a half miles and two miles from their home address and
 - 1 child moved out of area.
- 4.8 There were 8 Lewisham children in public care and 1 Bromley child in public care who made an on time application. All of whom were offered their first preference school.
- 4.9 **Appendix 4** details the number of appeals heard and those which were successful for community primary schools in Lewisham. This compares the 2012/13 appeals data with the 2011/12 admissions round. There were a total of 92 appeals heard in the summer of 2012 compared to 72 the previous year. In both years just one appeal was upheld.

5. Financial implications

5.1 Co-ordinated Admissions

The requirement to co-ordinate all phases of school admission and the implementation of the pan London reception scheme has increased the workload of the Admissions team. There has also been an increase in the cost of using the Pan London Register which enables the electronic exchange of pupil applicant data. These extra resources are currently being found from efficiency savings.

6. Equalities implications

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

7. Environmental implications

There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

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APPENDIX 3

Figures for Starting School 2012-13

In London, parents could make up to six preferences. Data provided for 2012-13 and 2011-12 relates to Lewisham residents only.

Applications for starting school 2010-11 were made direct to the LA maintaining the preferred school. In Lewisham, parents could make up to four preferences. Data provided relates to all applications, regardless of home LA of the child.

Lewisham on-time applicants	
2012	3799 Lewisham residents applied on time through the co-ordinated Pan London arrangement
2011	3620 Lewisham residents applied on time through the co-ordinated Pan London arrangement
2010	Lewisham received 3763 direct on time applications from residents of all LAs
First preferences offered	
2012	Of the total of 3799, a total of 2836 (75%) were offered their first preference
2011	Of the total of 3620, a total of 2713 (75%) were offered their first preference
2010	In 2010, 2780 (73.8%) were offered their first preference
First or second preference offered	
2012	Of the total of 3799, a total of 3202 (84%) were offered their first or second preference
2011	Of the total of 3620, a total of 3077 (85%) were offered their first or second preference
2010	In 2010, 3160 (84%) were offered their first or second preference
First, second or third preference offered	
2012	Of the total of 3799, a total of 3359 (88%) were offered their first, second or third preference
2011	Of the total of 3620, a total of 3254 (89.9%) were offered their first, second or third preference
2010	In 2010 3312 (88%) were offered their first, second or third preference
Preference of any rank offered	
2012	Of the 3799 children, 3496 (92%) were offered one of their preferences
2011	Of the 3620 children, 3373 (93%) were offered one of their preferences
2010	In 2010, of the 3763, 3391 (90%)

No preference offered	
2012	303 (8%) were allocated a place at their closest school with a vacancy because they did not get one of their preferred schools
2011	210 (6%) were allocated a place at their closest school with a vacancy because they did not get one of their preferred schools
2010	The figure in 2010 was 226 (6%). Places were only allocated to Lewisham residents.
Online applications	
2012	1382 (36.4%) made their applications online
2011	1179 (32.6%) made their application online
2010	The figure in 2010 was 914 (24%)
Extra places	
2012	Lewisham created 444 extra school places
2011	Lewisham created 504 extra school places
2010	The figure in 2010 was 510
Remaining places	
2012	After all offers were made, there were 64 places available at primary schools in Lewisham
2011	After all offers were made, there were 73 places available at primary schools in Lewisham
2010	In 2010 the figure was 39

Home to school distances of allocated places.

The 303 children not offered a preference have been allocated places.

Distance	Number	%
Less than half a mile	29	10%
Between half a mile and one mile	69	23%
Between one mile and one and a half miles	147	49%
Between one and a half miles and two miles	57	19%
Moved out of area	1	
Total allocations	303	

2011-12 allocated places distances	Number	%
Less than half a mile	61	30%
Between half a mile and one mile	93	45%
Between one mile and one and a half miles	39	19%
Between one and a half miles and two miles	10	5%
More than two miles	2	1%
Total allocations	205	

APPENDIX 4

Appeals heard for community schools in Lewisham for the reception intake 2012/13

School	Appeals heard 2011/12	Appeals upheld 2011/12	Appeals heard 2012/13	Appeals upheld 2012/13
Adamsrill	1	0	1	0
Ashmead	1	0	0	0
Baring	6	0	4	0
Brindishe Green	2	0	15	0
Brindishe Lee	11	0	11	1
Dalmain	2	0	0	0
Edmund Waller	2	0	1	0
Eliot Bank	3	0	5	0
Fairlawn	3	0	3	0
Grinling Gibbons	0	0	2	0
Holbeach	5	0	5	0
John Ball	9	0	13	0
John Stainer	1	0	0	0
Kilmorie	0	0	1	0
Lee Manor	7	1	12	0
Myatt Garden	0	0	1	0
Perrymount	1	0	0	0
Rushey Green	3	0	6	0
Sandhurst Infants	5	0	7	0
Sir Francis Drake	1	0	0	0
Stillness Infants	3	0	4	0
Tidemill	6	0	0	0
Torridon Infants	0	0	1	0
	72	1	92	1