

WIRRAL ADMISSIONS FORUM

DATE:	Tuesday 24th April 2012	SG\NC
PRESENT:	NAMES REDACTED	
1.0 APOLOGIES:	Councillor S Clarke - Wirral LA NAMES REDACTED	

Item		Action
2.0	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2012</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as accurate.</p>	
3.0	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Action point on item 7.0 – NAME REDACTED circulated the letter sent to primary heads under item 5.0 on this agenda.</p> <p>Action points on item 8.0 – Allocation lists have been sent out. NAME REDACTED is in discussion with CACI about future developments on the SAS online system. WITS have set up a report to extract Faith data from the system.</p>	
4.0	<p>Admissions arrangements for 2011-2012</p> <p>NAME REDACTED provided the draft allocations for primary and secondary schools. NAME REDACTED noted that primary numbers were tighter than previous years. NAME REDACTED said the increase had been expected, and was patchy with vacancies in some areas and schools. Cheshire West's allocation had gone out to parents on 23rd April so there may yet be some cross-border movement not taken into account.</p> <p>NAME REDACTED commented that there were still approx 80 expected late primary applications – NAME REDACTED had been following these up.</p>	
5.0	<p>Consultation on primary and secondary admissions 2013-2014</p> <p>The Admissions Team are reviewing the current paper application forms to improve clarity; for example should sibling information be repeated on Section 2 of the primary form.</p> <p>Cabinet determined the co-ordinated schemes on 12th April. For the secondary scheme, the number of preferences will be reduced from five to 3, as parents will have the outcome of the grammar tests before the preference deadline. Primary schools will receive request for assessment forms to give out to Year 5 parents on Monday 30th April. The form will also be on the internet. EC asked if they could have some copies of the form for their open evenings.</p> <p>Action: NAME REDACTED will organise Request for Assessment forms to secondary schools</p> <p>NAME REDACTED asked if more clarification could be given on the criteria</p>	REDACTED

<p>6.0</p> <p>Choice Adviser</p> <p>7.0</p> <p>Aided Schools Admission Arrangements</p> <p>8.0</p> <p>Foundation Schools Admission Arrangements</p>	<p>for requests for extra time etc. in the selection test. Action: NAME REDACTED will review the guidance booklet provided to primary heads.</p> <p>NAME REDACTED report was circulated.</p> <p>NAME REDACTED noted that the Choice Advisor position was no longer statutory, and will be reviewed by the Early Intervention Grant panel this year.</p> <p>NAME REDACTED reported that Catholic secondary heads had not met since the February Admissions Forum meeting.</p> <p>The two Catholic grammar schools selective tests will be on 17th September as shown in the letter to schools.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>9.0</p> <p>10.0</p> <p>11.0</p> <p>12.0</p>	<p>Academy Arrangements Nothing to report.</p> <p>Future of the Admissions Forum NAME REDACTED indicated the options for the Forum as on the briefing note circulated ahead of the meeting. The group discussed their views. NAME REDACTED -Admissions issues could go to PHCG or WASH. NAME REDACTED - Valued the Forum, and would prefer to keep a virtual Forum NAME REDACTED – Had spoken to NAME REDACTED, view was to have a virtual Forum for 12 months, review again and close down if not required. NAME REDACTED – Admissions are not as big an issue in secondary as it has been in the past. NAME REDACTED – We can inform through PHCG and WASH, setting up working groups if required as with the recent changes to the 11+ NAME REDACTED– The Forum could keep the debate going on retention of the Choice Advisor service, especially for disadvantaged parents. NAME REDACTED agreed that the Choice advisor service was valued by all.</p> <p>Consensus view was Option 3, a virtual Admissions Forum as a mailing list, reviewed after 12 months. All Forum members not in attendance will be contacted regarding this decision. There will be an option to opt out of the virtual Admission Forum mailing list.</p> <p>Date and time of next meeting Not required.</p> <p>Any Other Business NAME REDACTED thanked the current and past members of the Admissions Forum for all their contributions over the years.</p>	