

**Monitoring the recommendations of the Scrutiny Report on the Provision of Primary School Places**

- a) **Consultation on School Catchment numbers:** The consultation exercise on primary school attendance areas in north central Telford was conducted during the last academic year and has now been completed. The solution which was agreed satisfied all parties and addressed the problem of having too many primary aged pupils living in the Hadley area. This is likely to be revisited at a later date in the light of planned housing growth in the area. However the School Organisation Team always consults widely on proposed attendance area changes and tries to find solutions that are acceptable to the vast majority of those affected.
- b) **Admission Appeal Meetings:** Following the Scrutiny Committee enquiry about the attendance of Head teachers at admission appeal meetings there have been a number of discussions with officers and Head teachers to ascertain whether this would be feasible for us to adopt. In order to gain a full sense of the practice across the West Midlands the Admissions Team has conducted some research through the regional admission forum. Whilst there is no preferred pattern it seems that there is a wide degree of variance across local authorities with some inviting Heads to attend and some not doing so.

There is a further meeting to discuss admission appeal hearings with the legal section of the council next week. Colleagues from the legal section act as clerk to the appeals and oversee the procedure used.

- c) **Academies Protocol:** The discussions to develop a protocol for Academies is ongoing and as an initial step the School Improvement Service have revisited the Securing School Improvement Protocol to take account of the Local Authority's statutory responsibility for standards across all schools in the Borough. The draft suggestions will be subject to further consultation with Head teachers and the relevant professional associations.

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