

Notes

Wilmslow Education Partnership

Annex 6a

Date: 27 November 2012

Present:

Schools Janet Ciaputa - Dean Oaks
Darren Morgan – Lindow
Julie Brookes – Ashdene
Lorraine Dooley – Lacey Green
Chris Perry – Alderley Edge
Joanne Ashcroft - Wilmslow Grange
Rhona Carr – Gorsey Bank

LA Officers Barbara Dale
Ken White
Val Simons

Apologies Clare Daniel – St Anne's Fulshaw
Helen Smith - Styal

Introductions

Presentation:

LA's role as strategic commissioner

Information re: forecasts for Wilmslow shared and discussion about the need to continue to review provision and ensure future demand and respond to parental preferences.

Discussed operational surplus – local level 4%, CE level 10%.

Current forecasts indicated that LA need to provide 197 places by 2017, without operational surplus, and 297 with the 4% operational surplus. Forecasting methodology currently being reviewed Pre-school (NEG) data needed earlier in the process, GP data may be option

BD presented data and illustrated immediate shortfalls for Wilmslow. Not only for future Reception intakes but in year casual admissions and lack of school places in key stage 1 in particular.

DfE presumption in favour of expansion of popular and successful schools and risks in relation to potential increase in the number of 'independent' schools (Academies/Free Schools)

Notes

Temporary measures already taken for 2012 admissions to get local children into local schools.

Need to meet with schools again in the near future to discuss options and possible schools for expansion. Need to be mindful that Academies can request funding from DfE to expand. Too much capacity in an area could result in too much completion amongst schools

Processes for considering any future options and statutory processes involved.

Financial implications. and Section 106 process

Draft Town strategy and future housing developments. Confirmed any pupil yield is additional to the forecast shortfall that is already indicated.

Published Admission Numbers - changes under new School Admissions Code and consultation not required by AA schools, LA's only need to consult with Governing Body of school where change is proposed, but all schools need to consult fully on any proposed reductions. PAN's should be set in line with NET CAP but can also admit above PAN.

List of schools in Wilmslow area requesting an increase in PAN and information given on the current position of applications for September 2013.

Feedback:

Questions about equal preference's and how allocations work for Community and AA schools.

Further discussion around the internal considerations and procedures when considering schools for expansion.

Will need to expand schools in the area and create additional school places. Any proposals will now be for 2014 and be from the 2013/2014 Capital Programme Basic Need. LA has identified a number of proposals and some initial feasibility studies have been undertaken to determine whether the proposals would be possible. However, no decisions have been made and further work needed and meetings with the LAP to be arranged.

Janet expressed concern that by putting additional places into neighbouring schools. Dean Oaks catchment area is a significant area of deprivation and by putting additional places into neighbouring schools they would lose children – possibility of becoming a “sink school” and LA needs to be mindful.

BD confirmed forecasts are important for planning but more places should be a gradual process with increased numbers being admitted into Reception and working their way through.

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Will now be looking at 2013 applications- latest information would indicate problems again for 2013 and will need to discuss admission over PAN at a number of schools.

Further meeting required to review position for 2013 and discuss options for school expansions.

LAP already has booked a meeting for 18 Jan which the LA will attend to give update