LOCAL AUTHORITY PROPOSALS for INCREASES in PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBERS to apply in SEPTEMBER 2014

The Local Authority received a number of requests from governing bodies of community and voluntary controlled schools for changes in published admission numbers (PANs) to apply in September 2014.

The Local Authority has the role of admission authority for these schools and considered the requests on the basis of the school's current capacity, demand for places at the school and the availability of places in the area of the school. Whilst there is no duty to do so, consideration was given to the potential impact on nearby schools.

All requests were presented at the meeting of the Admissions Forum on 12 March. The Admissions Forum gave full consideration to the issues presented and their advice is that schools are best positioned to judge whether an increase in PAN, and the resulting additional children, can be accommodated in the existing school premises without prejudice to other pupils in the school. The Forum therefore recommended that in order to promote fairness and consistency amongst all schools in Cheshire East, schools should be allowed to increase their PAN where they deem it appropriate.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

School	Current Published Admission Number	Proposed Published Admission Number 2014
Acton CE	20	22
Ashgrove Primary**	15	30
Bollington Cross	22	25
Havannah Primary	25	30
Hurdsfield	17	25
Ivy Bank	45	50
Pebble Brook Primary	30	45
Puss Bank School	45	50
St Oswalds Worleston CE	8	12
Vernon Primary	45	50
Wheelock Primary**	30	45
Styal	15	17
Woodcock's Well CE	12	15
Scholar Green	25	30

^{**}The proposal to increase the PAN for 2014 is conditional on a final decision on the proposed expansions of these schools.

Note: Community and voluntary controlled schools have the right to object to the Schools Adjudicator if the PAN set for them is lower than they would wish. There is a strong presumption in favour of an increase to the PAN to which the Schools Adjudicator must have regard when considering any such objection.