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Ward(s) affected: All	Report: for information		

1. Describe the issue under consideration

This report contains information which provides the outcomes of the admissions process in 2012. Particular focus is given to the following areas:

Reception and Secondary:

- Where allocations are;
- Where the pressure/demand is;
- Waiting Lists for each school;
- Relationship with Free Schools; and
- What is the Council doing to increase school places?

Information is provided relating to pupils starting reception classes and secondary school in September 2012.

2. Background information

The local authority has a statutory duty to co-ordinate the admission processes for all pupils of statutory school age. This report focuses on pupils entering school in to Reception (which is the academic year when they turn 5) and the transfer from year 6 in primary school to year 7 in secondary school.



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Pupils apply to their local authority for a school place listing 6 schools which can be located in the authority where they are resident or in any other authority in England. The local authority has a duty to provide a school place for all its residents.

3. Reception 2012

3.1 Allocations

The number of Reception offers made to each school in Haringey as at offer day (18 April 2012) is shown in Appendix 1. The information is broken down to show how many first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth preference offers were made to each school.

The field entitled 'allocations' shows pupils who were offered a place at the school but did not list it on their application form. Where we cannot offer any school listed on a form (because other pupils better meet the admission arrangements) then we 'allocate' the nearest school to the home address with an available place.

As at offer day all infant and primary schools were full and 132 pupils were without the offer of a school place. Additional classes were opened at Bounds Green, The Triangle, Earlsmead and Western Park and Hartsbrook E-ACT Free School. This ensured that all Reception applicants received the offer of a place.

Appendix 2 shows the number of pupils that applied for a place at each Haringey school. Parents/carers can list a maximum of 6 preferences on their application form.

Appendix 3 shows the number of offers made to each school broken down to show the number of pupils offered under each admissions criterion.

3.2 Where the pressure/demand is

Detailed information about the demand for each ward in Haringey is given in the school place planning reports available at www.haringey.gov.uk/schoolplaceplanning

Demand for primary places (particularly reception) has increased year on year since September 2002, driven by an increasing birth rate and inward mobility to the borough. Although we have an increasing demand across the borough, which has required open additional classes and permanently expand schools, we also have particular hotspots where demand significantly exceeds supply. The two areas we are predominately concentrating on are North Tottenham and Bounds Green.

The highest number of pupils who applied on time but were not offered a school place live in Muswell Hill ward. These pupils have all now been offered a school place.

We continue to monitor the projected pupil numbers in all wards and additional classes will be needed in the future (plans are given below).

3.3 Waiting Lists for each school

If a pupil is not offered their first preference school, they are automatically added to the waiting list for any school they have listed higher than the one they have been offered.



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Therefore if they are offered their third preference school, they will be added to the waiting list for their first and second preference schools.

Appendix 4 provides the number of children on the reception waiting list at each school. Each pupil on these lists will have an alternative offer.

3.4 Relationship with Free Schools;

In 2011 Eden Primary, a one form entry (30 places) free school with a Jewish ethos opened in Muswell Hill. This helped to meet demand for primary places in this area. Hartsbrook E-ACT from School opened in September 2012 (further detail is given below). This school has ensured that we are able to meet demand for reception places in North Tottenham.

Earlier this year the Secretary of State decided that a bid for another free school in Tottenham should proceed to the next stage of the application process. The 4-19 all through school with 1570 places is proposed to open in September 2013. While the proposal was developed jointly with AESE and the Harris Federation, the Harris Federation is no longer involved with the project. No site has been identified and the funding agreement has not been signed. Further assessment of the project will be undertaken by the DfE in October 2012.

3.5 What is the Council doing to increase school places?

Additional classes

For September 2012 we opened additional reception classes at Bounds Green, Weston Park, Earlsmead and The Triangle, making a total of 120 additional places.

Permanent classes

The new free school, Hartsbrook E-ACT, opened in September 2012. It is a two form entry (60 places) primary school. This year they have taken a further form of entry (a total of 90 places) to meet local demand for school places. In the future, further additional classes will be required in the north Tottenham area to ensure that we continue to be able to offer a place to all pupils.

In March 2012, Cabinet agreed the permanent expansion of Welbourne Primary school in South Tottenham. In July 2012, Cabinet agreed the permanent expansion of Belmont Infant and Junior Schools. Both expansion projects will deliver the first reception class in 2013 and will grow incrementally.

New Schools

It is the presumption that any new schools opening in the borough will be free schools or Academies. As a local authority we cannot open free schools and we currently have no plans to open a bid for an Academy school in the borough.



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The future

The School Place Planning Report 2012 sets out pupil projections for forthcoming years. Officers continue to monitor pupil numbers and will put forward recommendations for any additional places in Cabinet reports later this academic year (2012/13).

Officers will hold a Primary Place Planning Summit in November, bringing together headteachers, governors, officers and Academy and free school providers established in Haringey to discuss school place planning issues and allow the opportunity for all stakeholders to understand the challenges currently facing us and propose solutions.

4) Secondary

4.1 Allocations

The information in appendix 5 shows the number of Secondary offers made to each school in Haringey as at offer day (1 March 2012). The information is broken down to show how many first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth preference offers were made for each school. The field entitled 'allocations' shows pupils who were offered a place at the school but did not list it on their application form. Where we cannot offer any school listed on a form (because other pupils better meet the admission arrangements) then we 'allocate' the nearest school to the home address with an available place. As at 1 March 2012 all pupils could be offered a place.

Appendix 6 shows the number of pupils that applied for a place at each Haringey school in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Appendix 7 shows the number of offers made to each school broken down to show the pupils of pupils offered under each admissions criterion.

4.2 Where the pressure/demand is

Alexandra Park, Fortismere, Gladesmore, Heartlands, Highgate Wood and Woodside schools received more applications than there were places available.

4.3 Waiting Lists for each school

The following schools have a waiting list. The number of pupils on each list is given next to each school name. All pupils on the waiting list have been offered an alternative school. This information is correct as at September 2012.

Alexandra Park - 251
Fortismere - 250
Gladesmore - 182
Heartlands - 188
Highgate Wood - 110
Park View - 8
Woodside - 72



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4.3 Relationship with Free Schools

We do not currently have any secondary free schools; however please refer to the information relating to the application that has been submitted by AESE for a through school to open in 2013.

4.4 What is the Council doing to increase school places?

No additional secondary school places are currently required, but we will continue to closely monitor the demand for and supply of secondary places so that we can react accordingly if this position changes.

5. Summary

At primary level, we are now at or close to capacity in all reception classes (across all settings) and we have had to respond to rising demand in recent years through the permanent expansion of some of our schools and the provision of some bulge (one off) classes. Free school provision by Eden and E-act has also provided additional reception and Year 1 places. We continue to monitor demand for and supply of primary places as well as the future provision of further free school places to ensure that the number of school places that we have available year on year is not outstripped by demand. Robust projections from the GLA's DMAG unit that drive our place planning means that we remain confident that we can continue to plan to ensure sufficient places.

In the short term (up to approximately 2016) we have enough secondary places to meet demand, and we carrying out modelling to ensure that, in the future, we adjust the number of secondary places that we have available to match the larger cohorts that we know are working their way through primary schools and who will eventually work their way into our secondary schools

6. Use of Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Reception Offers 2012
- Appendix 2 – Reception Preferences 2011 and 2012
- Appendix 3 – Reception Offers by Criterion 2012
- Appendix 4 – Reception Waiting Lists 2012
- Appendix 5 – Secondary Offers 2012
- Appendix 6 – Secondary Preferences 2010, 2011, 2012
- Appendix 7 – Secondary Offers by Criterion 2012