

PROPOSALS FOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS WORKSHOP

This workshop will take an informal look at both the process and provision of school admissions / places and will be open to all councillors. This is an opportunity for officer colleagues to explain the current process and then discuss the issues with councillors in a less formal setting than a full Committee meeting.

The following items have been identified by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee as some of the issues which could be addressed during the workshop:

- Admissions Team resources;
- Provision of update information (eg recorded telephone messages);
- Availability of school staff to respond to queries during the summer break;
- Developers advertising houses in catchment areas of good schools, even if school is full;
- Managing parental expectations of getting a place at local school;
- Speed of house building is faster than school place planning;
- Liaison with academy trusts.

A date for the Workshop has not yet been agreed. Work to get it underway and organised will not be possible until the new Overview and Scrutiny Officer joins the Council in mid-January.