

Individual Decisions

The attached reports will be taken as
Individual Portfolio Member Decisions on:

12th November 2009

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Individual Decision

Title of Report:	West Berkshire Council Forward Plan – December 2009 to March 2010		
Report to be considered by:	Leader of Council	on:	12th November 2009
Forward Plan Ref:	ID1762		

Purpose of Report: To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next 4 months.

Recommended Action: That the Leader of the Council agrees and where appropriate amend the West Berkshire Council Forward Plan.

Reason for decision to be taken: It is a statutory requirement that a Forward Plan be produced.

List of other options considered: N/A

Key background documentation: None

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Forward Plan attempts to cover all decisions, not just those made by the Executive, which the Authority intends to make over the next 4 months. The Forward Plan, attached as Appendix A, also shows the decision path of each item so far including Council, Executive and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 As part of the continuing development of the Forward Plan we have now incorporated all Plans and Policies which are required to be approved by the Council under the Constitution. These items have been linked to the appropriate meetings of the Executive and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Appendices

Appendix A – West Berkshire Council Forward Plan – December 2009 to March 2010

Implications

Policy: As set out in the report
Financial: There are no financial implications for the Council

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Leader of the Council
Overview & Scrutiny Commission Chairman: OSC Chairman
Ward Members: N/a
Opposition Spokesperson: Opposition Leader
Select Committee Chairmen: N/a

Local Stakeholders: The West Berkshire Council Forward Plan will be published the first working day after the Individual Decision is signed.

Officers Consulted: Nick Carter, John Ashworth, Margaret Goldie, Teresa Bell, Group Executives and there has been widespread consultation with senior managers across the Authority on the content of the Forward Plan. Given its rolling nature this consultation will be ongoing.

Trade Union: Not sought

Is this item subject to call-in.	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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West Berkshire Council Forward Plan



APPENDIX A

West Berkshire Council Forward Plan – December 2009 to March 2010

Reference	Decision and Purpose	Decision Body	Decision Path	Service Area	Contact & Ext. No.	Lead Member	Part II	Date Report Published	Consultee(s)	Notes	Decision Month
DECEMBER 2009											
ID1766	Adoption of Parish Plans <i>To adopt Parish Plans.</i>	ID	01/12/09	Chief Executive	Carole Ruse	Councillor Pamela Bale		TBC			01 December 2009
ID1767	Approval of Village Design Statements <i>To approve Village Design Statements.</i>	ID	01/12/09	Chief Executive	Paula Amorelli (2233)	Councillor Alan Law		TBC			01 December 2009
ID1936	Private Sector Housing Policy <i>To present the review of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy for adoption.</i>	ID	01/12/09	Community Services	Mel Brain, Alison Reilly	Councillor Alan Law		TBC	Head of Housing and Performance, Principal Environmental Health Officer, Principal Civil Contingencies Officer, Group Accountant		01 December 2009
ID1937	Museum Acquisition and Disposal Policy	ID	01/12/09	Community Services	Steph Gillett	Councillor Pamela Bale		TBC			01 December 2009
ID1958	Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2009 <i>To agree the Annual Monitoring Report for publication.</i>	ID	01/12/09	Environment	Caroline Peddie (2478)	Councillor Alan Law		TBC		Not subject to call in	01 December 2009
ID1729 (A)	Workforce Strategy 2009-2011 <i>To agree the strategy following call-in.</i>	ID	01/12/09	Chief Executive	Robert O'Reilly (2358)	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		TBC			01 December 2009
ID1865	Rural Settlement List for Non-Domestic Rate Relief	ID	01/12/09	Chief Executive	Bill Blackett (2305)	Councillor Keith Chopping		TBC			01 December 2009
ID1950	Review of Secondary Hearing Impaired Provision	ID	01/12/09	Children and Young People	Jane Seymour	Councillor Barbara Alexander		TBC			01 December 2009

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ID1947	West Berkshire District Council (Various Roads, Chieveley, Cold Ash, Hermitage and Shaw cum Donnington) (30mph, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limit) Order <i>To consider objections to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order</i>	ID	03/12/09	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Councillor David Betts		26/11/09			01 December 2009
ID1949	Brimpton Common Traffic Flow <i>To respond to a petition that has been submitted to the Council.</i>	ID	03/12/09	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Councillor David Betts		26/11/09			01 December 2009
ID1951	West Berkshire District Council (Various Roads, Bagnor) (30mph Speed Limit) Order <i>To consider objections to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order</i>	ID	03/12/09	Environment	Neil Stacey	Councillor David Betts		26/11/09			01 December 2009
ID1955	Chesterfield Road area, Newbury - Parking Review 2009 <i>To consider objections to statutory consultation of Traffic Regulation Order.</i>	ID	03/12/09	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Councillor David Betts		26/11/09	Local Ward Members		01 December 2009
ID1956	Hungerford - Parking Review 2009 <i>To consider objections to statutory consultation of Traffic Regulation Order.</i>	ID	03/12/09	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Councillor David Betts		26/11/09	Local Ward Members		01 December 2009
ID1765	West Berkshire Forward Plan - January 2010 to April 2010 <i>To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	17/12/09	Chief Executive	Moira Fraser (2045)	Councillor Graham Jones		10/12/09		Not subject to call in	01 December 2009
EX	Senior Management Review <i>(Paragraph 1 – information relating to an individual)</i> <i>(Paragraph 2 – information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual)</i>	EX	10/12/09 EX	Chief Executive	Nick Carter	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld	Yes	07/12/09		Part II Item	01 December 2009
C1806	Junior Citizen of the Year Award 2009	C	10/12/09 C	Chief Executive	Jo Watt	Councillor Geoff Findlay		02/12/09			01 December 2009

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C1807	2010/11 West Berkshire Timetable of Public Meetings	C	10/12/09 C	Chief Executive	Moira Fraser	Councillor Graham Jones		02/12/09	Corporate Board, Heads of Service, Group Support Officers		01 December 2009
C1952	Gambling Act 2005 - Policy Statement <i>Required by Law under Section 1 of the Act</i>	C	10/12/09 C	Environment	Brian Leahy	Councillor Hilary Cole		02/12/09	Police, persons representing the interests of gambling businesses and persons representing the interests of persons who are likely to be affected by the exercise of the authority's functions under the Act		01 December 2009
JANUARY 2010											
ID1769	Adoption of Parish Plans <i>To adopt Parish Plans.</i>	ID	01/01/10	Chief Executive	Carole Ruse	Councillor Pamela Bale		TBC			01 January 2010
ID1770	Approval of Village Design Statements <i>To approve Village Design Statements.</i>	ID	01/01/10	Chief Executive	Paula Amorelli (2233)	Councillor Alan Law		TBC			01 January 2010
ID1732	Appointment to SACRE <i>To appoint a representative to SACRE.</i>	ID	01/01/10	Children and Young People	Margaret Blaine (2458)	Councillor Barbara Alexander		TBC			01 January 2010

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ID1768	West Berkshire Forward Plan - February 2010 to May 2010 <i>To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	14/01/10	Chief Executive	Moira Fraser (2045)	Councillor Graham Jones		07/01/10		Not subject to call in	01 January 2010
GAC1902	Q2 of 2009/10 Internal Audit Report <i>To outline the outcomes of Internal Audit work for the second quarter of 2009-10.</i>	GA	05/01/10 GA	Chief Executive	Ian Priestley	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		23/12/09	Corporate Board, External Auditors		01 January 2010
GAC1907	Strategic Risk Register Q2	GA	05/01/10 GA	Chief Executive	Charles Morris	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		23/12/09	Corporate Board, External Auditors		01 January 2010
EX1927	London Road Industrial Estate, Newbury - Development Proposals <i>(Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)</i> <i>(Paragraph 6 - information relating to proposed action to be taken by the Local Authority)</i>	EX	14/01/10 EX	Chief Executive	Les Gaulton	Councillor Alan Law	Yes	07/01/10		Part II item	01 January 2010
EX1948	Berkshire Cluster Minor Works Framework Agreement <i>Approval of Lead Authority Status to enter into a four year construction framework agreement</i>	EX	14/01/10 EX	Chief Executive	Andy Green, Tom Herring	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		07/01/10			01 January 2010
EX1802	Establishment Report Q2 2009/2010 <i>To report on changes to the Council's Establishment over the second quarter of 2008/09.</i>	EX	14/01/10 EX	Chief Executive	Robert O' Reilly (2358)	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		07/01/10			01 January 2010
EX1742	Level One Performance Monitoring - Q2 of 2009/10 <i>To outline performance levels across the Council and to consider, where appropriate, the remedial action that is required.</i>	EX	14/01/10 EX	Chief Executive	Jason Teal	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		07/01/10			01 January 2010

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EX1803	Setting of Council Taxbase for 2010/11 <i>To consider removal of discount for long term empty property and setting of taxbase for 2010/2011.</i>	EX	14/01/10 EX	Chief Executive	Bill Blackett (2305)	Councillor Keith Chopping		07/01/10			01 January 2010
EX1944	Adults Social Care Complaints <i>To approve the annual report</i>	EX	14/01/10 EX	Community Services	Mary Page	Councillor Joe Mooney		07/01/10			01 January 2010
EX1928	Results of the Employee Attitude Survey 2009	EX	14/01/10 EX	Chief Executive	Kate Toone/ Robert O' Reilly	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		07/01/10			01 January 2010
C1887	Proposed Changes to the Contract Rules of Procedure <i>To amend the Constitution in line with best practice</i>	C	05/01/10 GA 21/01/10 C	Chief Executive	Tom Herring	Councillor Graham Jones		23/12/09 GA 14/01/10 C			01 January 2010
C1886	Amendments to the Constitution - Scheme of Delegation <i>To include Part 10 of the Town and Country Planning Act to the Head of Planning and Trading Standards</i>	C	05/01/10 GA 21/01/10 C	Chief Executive	Moira Fraser, Elaine Cox	Councillor Graham Jones		23/12/09 GA 14/01/10 C			01 January 2010
C1946	West Berkshire Council Core Strategy <i>To approve the Core Strategy for Consultation</i>	C	21/01/10	Environment	Liz Alexander	Councillor Alan Law		14/01/10			01 January 2010
FEBRUARY 2010											
ID1772	Adoption of Parish Plans <i>To adopt Parish Plans.</i>	ID	01/02/10	Chief Executive	Carole Ruse	Councillor Pamela Bale		TBC			01 February 2010
ID1773	Approval of Village Design Statements <i>To approve Village Design Statements.</i>	ID	01/02/10	Chief Executive	Paula Amorelli (2233)	Councillor Alan Law		TBC			01 February 2010

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ID1771	West Berkshire Forward Plan - March 2010 to June 2010 <i>To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	11/02/10	Chief Executive	Moira Fraser (2045)	Councillor Graham Jones		04/02/10		Not subject to call in	01 February 2010
ID1957	Speed Limit Review - December 2009 <i>To approve the statutory consultation for altering the speed limit on a number of roads following a meeting of the speed limit task group</i>	ID	15/02/10	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Councillor David Betts		08/02/10	Local Ward Members		01 February 2010
EX1922	Housing Vision 2009-2014 <i>To seek adoption of the new Housing Vision 2009-2014</i>	EX	18/02/10 EX	Community Services	Mel Brain (2403)	Councillor Alan Law		11/02/10	Developers, RSLs, Supported Housing Providers, residents.		01 February 2010
EX1938	West Berkshire Council Admission Arrangements 2011-12 <i>To seek determination of Admission Arrangements 2011-12 and Co-ordinated Schemes for WB Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools</i>	EX	18/02/10 EX	Children and Young People	Malcolm Berry	Councillor Barbara Alexander		11/02/10			01 February 2010
EX	TEB <i>Approve MTFs/Budget papers and recommend to Council</i>	EX	18/02/10 EX 04/03/10 C	Chief Executive	Andy Walker	Councillor Keith Chopping		11/02/10			01 February 2010
MARCH 2010											
OSMC	Flooding Update Report	OSMC	02/03/10	Environment	Carolyn Murison	Councillor Hilary Cole		23/02/10			01 March 2010
ID1775	Adoption of Parish Plans <i>To adopt Parish Plans.</i>	ID	01/03/10	Chief Executive	Carole Ruse	Councillor Pamela Bale		TBC			01 March 2010
ID1776	Approval of Village Design Statements <i>To approve Village Design Statements.</i>	ID	01/03/10	Chief Executive	Paula Amorelli (2233)	Councillor Alan Law		TBC			01 March 2010

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ID1774	West Berkshire Forward Plan - April 2010 to July 2010 <i>To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	11/03/10	Chief Executive	Moira Fraser (2045)	Councillor Graham Jones		04/03/10		Not subject to call in	01 March 2010
GAC1904	Internal Audit Strategy and Work Plan	GA	29/03/10 GA	Chief Executive	Ian Priestley	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		22/03/10	Corporate Board, External Auditors		01 March 2010
GAC1905	Anti Fraud Strategy <i>To put in place an Anti Fraud Strategy for the Council that meets best practice.</i>	GA	29/03/10 GA	Chief Executive	Ian Priestley	Councillor Keith Chopping		22/03/10	Corporate Board, External Auditors		01 March 2010
GAC1903	Q3 of 2009/10 Internal Audit Report <i>To outline the outcomes of Internal Audit work for the third quarter of 2009-10.</i>	GA	29/03/10 GA	Chief Executive	Ian Priestley	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		22/03/10	Corporate Board, External Auditors		01 March 2010
GAC1908	Strategic Risk Register Q3	GA	29/03/10 GA	Chief Executive	Charles Morris	Councillor Anthony Stansfeld		22/03/10	Corporate Board, External Auditors		01 March 2010
EX1924	Establishment Report Quarter 3 2009/10 <i>To report on changes to the Council's establishment over the third quarter of 2009/10</i>	EX	25/03/10 EX	Chief Executive	Robert O'Reilly (2358)	Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Performance		18/03/10			01 March 2010
EX1743	Level One Performance Monitoring - Q3 of 2009/10 <i>To outline performance levels across the Council and to consider, where appropriate, the remedial action that is required.</i>	EX	25/03/10 EX	Chief Executive	Jason Teal	Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Performance		18/03/10			01 March 2010
EX1849	Budget Monitoring 2009/10 - Q3	EX	25/03/10 EX	Chief Executive	Joseph Holmes	Councillor Keith Chopping		18/03/10			01 March 2010

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EX1852	Capital Programme Monitoring 2009/10 - Q3	EX	25/03/10 EX	Chief Executive	Simon Freeman	Councillor Keith Chopping		18/03/10			01 March 2010
C1803	Delivering West Berkshire's Priorities. A Medium Term Financial Strategy 20010/11 - 2012/13 and Future Years <i>To refresh the MTFS.</i>	C	18/02/10 EX 04/03/10 C	Chief Executive	Andy Walker	Councillor Keith Chopping		11/02/10 EX 25/02/10 C			01 March 2010
C1809	Delivering West Berkshire's Priorities. A Medium Term Financial Strategy 20010/11 - 2012/13 and Future Years <i>To refresh the MTFS.</i>	C	14/01/10 EX 04/03/10 C	Chief Executive	Andy Walker	Councillor Keith Chopping		07/01/10 EX 25/02/10 C			01 March 2010
C1890	Revisions to the Code of Conduct <i>To make any amendments to the Code of Conduct following the consultation on 'Communities in Control: Real people, real power Codes of Conduct for local authority members and employees'.</i>	C	22/02/10 GA 04/03/10 C	Chief Executive	Moira Fraser/David Holling	Councillor Graham Jones		15/02/10 GA 25/02/10 C			01 March 2010
C	Capital Strategy and Programme	C	04/03/10	Environment	John Ashworth	Councillor Keith Chopping		25/02/10			01 March 2010
C	Revenue Budget 2010-11	C	04/03/10	Chief Executive	Andy Walker	Councillor Keith Chopping		25/02/10			01 March 2010

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Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Consultation on School Admission Arrangements for 2011-12
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	12 November 2009
Forward Plan Ref:	ID1945

Purpose of Report: To approve the consultation on Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for 2011-12

Recommended Action: To approve the proposed arrangements

Reason for decision to be taken: Statutory Requirement

Statutory: **Non-Statutory:**
Other:

Other options considered:

Key background documentation: Schools Admission Code 2009
 Parents Guides to Admissions 2010-11

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Implications

Policy: This is a statutory requirement. Admission arrangements have to be consulted on each year by 1 March.

Financial: N/A

Personnel: N/A

Legal/Procurement: This is a statutory requirement

Environmental: N/A

Partnering: N/A

Property: N/A

Risk Management: N/A

Community Safety: N/A

Equalities: N/A

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Councillor Graham Jones

Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Councillor Brian Bedwell

Select Committee Chairman: Councillor Irene Neill

Ward Members:

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Alan Macro

Local Stakeholders:

Officers Consulted:

Trade Union:

NOTE: The section below does not need to be completed if your report will not progress beyond Corporate or Management Board.

Is this item subject to call-in.	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by OSC or associated Task Groups within preceding 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 Regulations require Local Authorities to consult on and determine Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in the relevant area by 15 April each year. They must comply with the requirements of the School Admissions Code and the adopted Co-ordinated & In-Year Admission Scheme, which is currently subject to consultation with schools and the Admissions Forum.
- 1.2 Consultation must be undertaken over 8 weeks between 1 November and 1 March annually. It will be undertaken with all West Berkshire schools, Council Members, Parish Councils, neighbouring LAs and school admission authorities, Diocesan Boards, Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and the West Berkshire Admissions Forum. Responses will be reported with proposed arrangements to be determined by the Executive on 18 February 2010.
- 1.3 Proposed 2011/12 arrangements are attached as Appendix A. There are no major changes from determined arrangements for 2010/11. There has been an amendment to Paragraph 10 – Tie Breaker which defines the points between which distances will be measured when requiring a tie breaker at the request of the Office of the Schools Adjudicator following its compliance exercise reviewing 2010/11 arrangements.
- 1.4 Proposed Co-ordinated & In-Year Admissions Schemes for 2010/11 (which has required amendment due to new legislation) and 2011/12 have been attached for information (Appendices B & C). Consultation on the Schemes will finish on 11 December and will inform the final determination of arrangements in due course.
- 1.5 The In-Year Fair Access Protocol is included for information as Appendix D.
- 1.6 Proposed Nursery Admission Arrangements are outlined in a separate consultation document (Appendix E). Arrangements are unchanged to those for the 2010/11 year but do include the setting provision of 15 hours per week.

Appendices

- Appendix A - Proposed Admission Arrangements 2011/12
- Appendix B - Proposed Co-ordinated & In-Year Admissions Scheme 2010/11
- Appendix C - Proposed Co-ordinated & In-Year Admissions Scheme 2011/12
- Appendix D - West Berkshire In-Year Fair Access Protocol
- Appendix E – Proposed Nursery Admission Arrangements 2011/12

APPENDIX A

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2011/12

1. EARLY YEARS ADMISSIONS

These arrangements apply to the normal admissions round for the first point of entry to a school, not to nursery education at a Nursery School or a Nursery Class at a school. Admissions to nursery education are subject to separate admission arrangements. Attendance at a Nursery School or a Nursery Class does not guarantee a place at any school; a separate application must be made for a school place.

2. NURSERY ADMISSIONS

The 2011/12 policy consultation for admission to nursery classes at Community or Voluntary Controlled infant and primary schools and the two maintained Nursery schools will be issued separately and will take account of new session arrangements. The responsibility for applying the Nursery policy rests with the schools concerned.

3. PRIMARY AND INFANT SCHOOL NORMAL ADMISSION POINT

For the 2011/12 academic year the Council will be admitting pupils to Community and Voluntary Controlled schools at a single point of entry as follows:

September 2011 (Autumn Term) for a child whose 5th birthday falls between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012.

4. JUNIOR SCHOOL NORMAL ADMISSION POINT

September 2011 for a child whose 8th birthday falls between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012.

5. SECONDARY SCHOOL NORMAL ADMISSION POINT

September 2011 (Autumn Term) for a child whose 12th birthday falls between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012.

6. ADMISSION NUMBERS

The LA's Admission Numbers for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools are listed in Appendix A.

7. ADMISSION TO YEAR 12

Admission process will be applied as detailed in Appendix B.

8. CO-ORDINATED AND IN-YEAR ADMISSION SCHEME

West Berkshire council centrally administers admissions for all schools in the Local Authority in accordance with the agreed co-ordinated and in-year admission scheme. All applications will continue to be considered on an equal preference basis against the over-subscription criteria for each of up to three preferred schools, NOT considered on the basis of first preferences before other preferences. The admissions timetable is detailed in the scheme (Appendix C).

9. OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

For Community or Voluntary Controlled schools that are oversubscribed, places are allocated according to the over-subscription criteria for the school preferred as outlined below.

A. Looked After Children

B. Catchment Area Pupils, i.e.

Children whose permanent home address is in the school's designated catchment area (as shown on the maps in Appendices to the Parent's Guides). Where necessary, priority will be given to siblings in catchment. The Home address is taken to be the address at the closing date for applications in the normal admissions round (**26 October 2010 – secondary; 30 November 2010 – primary**). Where parental responsibilities are equally shared, the home address will normally be considered to be with the parent/carer with whom the child spends the majority of time and nights Monday to Friday; this will normally be expected to be with the parent/carer that receives the pupil's Child Benefit.

It is the child's normal permanent home address where he or she lives with his or her parents/carers that is used to decide in which school's catchment area the child lives. Temporary addresses cannot be used to obtain school places, e.g. temporary addresses whilst retaining a previous permanent home will not be accepted. If parents/carers plan to move, documentary evidence will be required, such as proof of exchange of contracts or a tenancy agreement to confirm residence at the time of admission. If such evidence is received by 1 January for a secondary place, or 15 January for a primary place, during a normal admissions round, the new address will be accepted for the forthcoming allocation. Confirmation received after these dates will not normally be taken into account until immediately after allocation dates and waiting lists adjusted accordingly. At all other times changes of address will be considered immediately on receipt of evidence. Any child offered a school place based on fraudulent or intentionally misleading information concerning a catchment area permanent home address will have their place withdrawn and a new application will be required, by which time preferred schools may be full. This may also occur after the child has been admitted to a school.

Criteria C to E apply to children whose permanent home address is not within the preferred school's catchment area

C. Siblings, i.e.

Pupils with a brother or sister including step/foster sibling and children of the parent/carer's partner living in the same family unit. **For Primary applications a sibling who will be on the roll of the preferred school (or partner infant/junior school) at the point of admission. For Secondary applications a sibling who is already on the roll of the preferred school, and in relation to admissions at the preferred school's first point of entry, will continue to attend compulsory education at the school during the following academic year.**

D. Denominational/Non-denominational Requests, i.e.

(This category only applies to Primary school admissions).

Children whose parents are choosing the preferred school for denominational or non-denominational reasons.

Requests will only be considered if:

1. the pupil is not resident in the catchment area of another school of the same denomination or another non-denominational school,
2. the preferred school is the nearest school of the same denomination or non-denominational school, and
3. when for a denominational school, a supporting letter from the leader of the parent's congregation of the same denomination to that of the preferred school is provided with the application for admission to confirm attendance at that congregation at least twice a month.

E. All other applicants.

10. TIE BREAKER

Priority will be given within any of the above over-subscription criteria to the applicant whose permanent home address is nearest to the preferred school. Distances will be measured using the West Berkshire Admissions Geographical Information System taking a straight line between the home address and the school using the unique property identification points within the National Land and Property Gazetteer (NLPG).

In the case of multiple births, the parents/carers will be approached to decide which sibling or siblings will receive the available places.

11. WAITING LISTS

Waiting lists will continue to be maintained for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools and year groups where necessary for children not offered a school place at their first preference school. Placement will be determined by applying the over-subscription criteria. They will remain until 1 September when parents will be asked to confirm in writing their wish to be placed on a newly constructed waiting list. Names will be removed from the lists if requested or if the offer of a place that becomes available is not accepted. Positions on waiting lists may change due to new applications or revised applications in respect of a change of preferred schools, and precedence is given to those subject to a direction or an admission in accordance with the In-Year Fair Access Protocol.

12. LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications are considered as detailed in the co-ordinated and in-year admissions scheme.

13. IN-YEAR APPLICATIONS (AFTER THE NORMAL ADMISSIONS ROUND)

The administration of applications outside the normal admission round is detailed in the co-ordinated and in-year admissions scheme.

14. ADMISSION OUTSIDE NORMAL AGE GROUP

Requests from parents for school places outside a normal age group will be considered carefully whether for gifted and talented pupils or for those who have experienced problems, e.g. having missed education due to ill health, etc. Each case will be considered on its own merits and circumstances. However, cases will not normally be agreed without a consensus that to do so would be in the pupil's interests between the parents, schools concerned (both old and preferred) and any relevant professionals asked for their opinion on the case by the LA. Those refused places outside the normal age group will be informed of their statutory right of appeal.

15. APPEALS

Any parent not offered a school place at their preferred school has the right of appeal to an independent appeals panel. This can be for a place at one or more of your preferred schools and against an alternative school place that has been allocated by this Council. Information on how to appeal will be provided with the result of the application. Appeals must be lodged by the dates set out in the co-ordinated and in-year admissions scheme for the normal admissions round or within 21 days from the date of the offer or refusal letter.

Appendix A

Published Admission Numbers 2010/11

Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary Schools

School Name	Admission Number
Aldermaston CofE Primary School	24
Basildon CofE Primary School	19
Beedon CofE Primary School	7
Beenham Primary School	15
Birch Copse Primary School	56
Brimpton CofE Primary School	7
Bucklebury CofE Primary School	18
Burghfield St. Mary's CofE Primary School	20
Calcot Infant School and Nursery	75
Calcot Junior School	84
Chaddleworth St. Andrew's CofE Primary School	8
Chieveley Primary School	20
Cold Ash St. Mark's CofE School	27
Compton CofE Primary School	25
Curridge Primary School	15
Downsway School	30
Falkland Primary School	60
Fir Tree Primary School and Nursery	30
Francis Baily Primary School	75
Garland Junior School	60
The Willows Primary School	50
Hampstead Norreys CofE Primary School	14
Hermitage Primary School	27
Hungerford Primary School	56
The Ilsleys Primary School	12
Inkpen Primary School	12
John Rankin Infant and Nursery School	60
John Rankin Junior School	60
Kennet Valley Primary School	30
Kintbury St. Mary's CofE Primary School	20
Lambourn CofE Primary School	28
Long Lane Primary School (Infants)	30
Long Lane Primary School (Juniors)	20
Mortimer St. John's CofE School	60
Mrs Bland's Infant School	59
Pangbourne Primary School	28
Parsons Down Infant and Nursery School	80
Parsons Down Junior School	80
Purley CofE Infant School	17
Robert Sandilands Primary School and Nursery	30
Shaw-cum-Donnington CofE Primary School	11
Shefford CofE School	12

Speenhamland Primary School	40
Springfield Primary School	40
Spurcroft Primary School	45
Streatley CofE Voluntary Controlled School	16
Thatcham Park CofE Primary School	45
Theale CofE Primary School	30
Welford & Wickham CofE Primary School	12
Westwood Farm Infant School	60
Westwood Farm Junior School	60
Whitelands Park Primary School	54
The Winchcombe School	45

Community Secondary Schools

School Name	Admission Number Yrs 7 - 11	Admission Number Year 12
John O'Gaunt School (120)	120	5
Kennet School	280	20
Park House School (was 224)	224	30
The Willink School	162	20
Theale Green Community School	227	40
Trinity School	187	112

Appendix B

West Berkshire Council Year 12 Admissions Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2011/12

General Criteria/principles

These arrangements apply to new students entering the school at Year 12 for the first time, not existing school students

All schools offer a wide range of courses based on grades achieved at GCSE and it is considered that acceptance is based on a student's capability of benefiting from a course and admission to the Sixth Form and any particular course will depend on students being appropriately qualified to start that course. Although Admission is not dependent on interview, a course guidance meeting may be advised.

Admission to the Sixth Form will respect parental and student preference as long as the school offers the course and the prospective student has appropriate pre-requisite qualifications for the course.

Admission Numbers

Admission numbers for year 12 are listed in the Appendix B.

Places will be offered on the basis of the following criteria

Criteria for academic courses:

Students who wish to follow two year advanced courses should have at least five GCSE passes at grade C or better.

Students who wish to follow one year Level 2 courses should have at least five GCSE passes at grade E or better.

- A. Students choosing to take 4 or 5 A/Ss followed by 3 A2, or 2 A2 and 1 A/S will be expected to have achieved mainly As and A*s at GCSE.
- B. Students choosing to take 4 A/Ss followed by 3 A2, or 2 A2 and 1 A/S will be expected to have achieved mainly Cs at GCSE with at least 5 Cs at GCSE.
- C. Students choosing to take 3 A/Ss followed by 3 A2 will be expected to have achieved mainly Cs at GCSE with at least 5 Cs at GCSE.

Criteria for Vocational courses:

- D. Students choosing BTEC courses will be expected to have achieved 2 Ds or above at GCSE.
- E. Some subjects will apply their own criteria, usually requiring a grade B at GCSE in the relevant or related subject as detailed in schools' Sixth Form prospectus.

Appeals

Any parent not offered a school place for their child at their preferred school has the right of appeal to an independent appeals panel. The student concerned also has the right to a separate appeal. The appeal can be for a place at any one or more of the preferred schools. Information on how to appeal will be provided with the result of the application.

Consultation (end date 11 December 2009)

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The Normal Admissions Round

In relation to any application made in the normal admission round, each parent in the area shall receive a single offer of a school place, or a refusal, determined under the scheme, the result of which shall be communicated in writing in writing to the parent on **1 March 2010** (for secondary admission) or **8 March 2010** (for primary admission), by the LA.

West Berkshire residents must make applications for school places online, via the West Berkshire web-site, or on a West Berkshire Common Application Form, where parents can express a preference for up to three schools, rank those schools and give reasons for the preference. All preferences must be expressed on this form, including those for schools in a different area.

NOTE: West Berkshire residents seeking Primary school places at schools in a different area maintained by a different LA MUST make applications to the maintaining LA and not West Berkshire.

Residents of other areas should make their applications on their home local authority Common Application Form and return them to those authorities. Relevant information will be forwarded by those local authorities to West Berkshire for consideration if a preference is made for a West Berkshire School.

NOTE: Residents of other areas seeking Primary school places in West Berkshire MUST make applications to West Berkshire.

There is no requirement for co-ordination of Primary applications until after the Normal Admissions Round 2010/11, but the LA will work with neighbouring LAs to reduce the risk of offers to more than one school and therefore the holding of school places that will not be required.

Each preference will be considered against the school's over-subscription criteria if necessary and, where more than a single school place could be offered, the place will be offered for the highest ranked preference. Information on applications stating preferences for schools for

which the governing body is the admissions authority will be passed to the schools preferred. Places will be offered after consultation with those schools regarding available places.

Where a child is eligible to be admitted to a single school applied for online or on the Common Application Form, a place will be offered for that school.

Where a child is eligible to be admitted to more than one school applied for online or on the Common Application Form, a place will be offered for the highest ranked school.

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1. offer an alternative school place if that child is from the area, or
2. make no offer for an alternative school place if that child is not from the area.

Children from the area with no allocated place will normally be offered a school place in the following order:

1. At the catchment area school if a place exists, using distance as a priority;
2. At the nearest school from the home address where a place exists. Should this occur, parents will be given the offer of advice regarding an appeal and any change of preferences having regard to the reasons expressed.
3. In the unlikely situation of there being no West Berkshire school places available, at the nearest West Berkshire school without breaking class-size legislation. Priority over waiting lists will be given.

The normal admissions round process will be undertaken in accordance with the timetables below.

Late Applications

The closing date for applications in the normal admission round is **26 October 2009** (for secondary admissions) or **30 November 2009** (for primary admissions).

The authority will only accept, so far as possible, applications received after this date for good reason, provided that they are received **before allocation procedures begin**.

For **secondary** admissions, allocation procedures normally begin on **1 January** and all late applications will be processed in accordance with the following timetable:

Late applications received between **27 October 2009** and the offer date of **1 March 2010** will be processed together from **3 March 2010**.

Late applications received between **3 March 2010** and **31st March 2010**, will be processed together from **1 April 2010**.

Late applications received from **1 April 2010** will be processed by date of receipt.

For **primary** applications, allocation procedures normally begin on **1 January 2010** and all late applications will be processed in accordance with the following timetable:

Late applications received between **1 December 2009** and the offer date of **8 March 2010** will be processed together from **9 March 2010**.

Late applications received between **09 March 2010** and **31 March 2010**, will be processed together from **1 April 2010**.

Late applications received from **1 April 2010** will be processed by date of receipt.

In-Year Applications (after the Normal Admissions Round from 1 August 2010)

West Berkshire residents must make applications for school places on a West Berkshire Common Application Form where parents can express a preference for up to three schools, rank those schools and give reasons for the preference. All preferences must be expressed on this form, including those for schools in a different area.

Residents of other areas should make their applications on their home local authority Common Application Form and return them to those authorities. Relevant information will be forwarded by those local authorities to West Berkshire for consideration if a preference is made for a West Berkshire School.

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Where a child is not eligible to be admitted to any school applied for on the Common Application Form the LA will either:

1. make no offer for an alternative school place if that child is from a different area but place the applicant on a waiting list, or
2. where there are no available places within a reasonable distance from the home address, refer the application to the Pupil Placement Panel in accordance with the Council's In-Year Fair Access Protocol (Appendix E). Children placed by the PPP will be admitted as a priority irrespective of existing waiting lists.

Any child for which the West Berkshire In-Year Fair Access Protocol will apply shall have a placement, and subsequent registration, determined by the Pupil Placement Panel following appropriate referral and consideration.

Entry on the School Roll

A child **must** be included in a school's Admission Register for the beginning of the first day on which the school has agreed, or has been notified, that the child will attend the school.

The local authority will notify the parents and school of the date by which the child is to be admitted so that there is no ambiguity about the date from which the child is on the school roll. The dates will normally be confirmed as follows:

For admissions in the normal admission round a child shall be registered at the start of the Autumn Term, or other appropriate Term subject to parental deferral or Voluntary Aided primary admission arrangements.

For the admission of a child in-year following a change of home address into the area, or further than a reasonable distance from their existing school, the last date by which the child shall be registered shall be the first day of the second school week following the offer letter. This will provide for at least one full week if required to arrange re-integration.

For the admission of a child in-year transferring between schools, one or both being within a reasonable distance from the home address, the last date by which the child shall be registered shall be the first day of the one of 6 West Berkshire School Terms following the offer letter.

In each of the above in-year situations a school may register a child earlier than the date provided if considered appropriate following re-integration discussion between the school and parents.

Children placed by the Pupil Placement Panel for whatever reason shall be registered, dually if appropriate, by the date provided on the outcome sheet. Actual attendance may be determined after periods of assessment elsewhere.

Duties of the LA

To forward application data received for places at Voluntary Aided or Foundation schools in the area to the governing body as soon as possible.

Where an application is made online or on the Common Application Form for a school outside the area, or received from another LA for a school within the area, to exchange details of that application with the other LA as soon as possible, and no later than the timetabled date for the normal admissions round.

To determine by reference to the LA's admission arrangements and over-subscription criteria the order in which any application for a place at a Community or Voluntary Controlled school is ranked.

To confirm with the Governing Bodies of Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools, by reference to their admission arrangements and over-subscription criteria, the order in which any application for a place at those schools is ranked.

To determine whether a child is to be granted or refused a school place at a school in the area in accordance with this scheme, and timetable for the normal admissions round.

To inform the governing body or other LA where appropriate of the decision whether to grant offers or refuse applications, and by the timetabled date in the normal admissions round.

To communicate the decision granting or refusing places at schools in the area to parents, including the date by which the pupil will be registered, on behalf of a governing body where appropriate, on **1 March 2010** (for secondary admissions) or **8 March 2010** (for primary admissions) for the normal admissions round.

In relation to in-year admissions, where an application is made for a school place in another area, or received from another LA for a school place within the area, to exchange details of that application with the other LA as soon as possible, and subsequently communicate the decision granting or refusing places, etc. to West Berkshire residents.

Infant Classes

Infant classes (i.e. those where the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6, or 7 during the school year) **must not** contain more than 30 pupils with a single qualified school teacher. While admission can be refused on normal prejudice grounds once an admission number of lower than 30 (or multiples of 30) has been reached, admissions **must** be refused on "infant class-size prejudice" grounds where the published admission number allows for classes of 30, and the school would have to take 'qualifying' measures to keep to the statutory class size limit if more children were admitted e.g. the employment of another teacher.

Duties of the Governing Bodies acting as Admission Authorities

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To ensure that any determination under this scheme to offer or refuse a place at the school will only be communicated to the parent by the LA on behalf of the governing body.

Secondary Schools – Normal Admissions Round Timetable

26 October 2009	Closing date for applications
20 November 2009	LA transfer of applications data to other LAs.
29 January 2010	First provisional allocation list sent to other LAs.
1 March 2010	Offers and refusals issued to parents
15 March 2010	Parents' acceptance of offer
30 March 2010	Closing date for appeals

Primary Schools – Normal Admissions Round Timetable

30 November 2009	Closing date for applications
21 December 2009	LA transfer of applications data to VA Governing Bodies
14 January 2010	West Berkshire VA Governing Bodies' ranked lists to the LA
8 March 2010	Offers and refusals issued to parents
22 March 2010	Parents' acceptance of offer
30 March 2010	Closing date for appeals

This co-ordinated and in-year scheme for school admissions for 2010/11 has been adopted by the Governing Body of

..... **School.**

Signed..... (Chair of Governors)

Date.....

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22 November 2010	LA transfer of applications data to other LAs.
28 January 2011	First provisional allocation list sent to other LAs.
1 March 2011	Offers and refusals issued to parents
15 March 2011	Parents' acceptance of offer
31 March 2011	Closing date for appeals

Primary Schools – Normal Admissions Round Timetable

30 November 2010	Closing date for applications
14 February 2011	LA transfer of applications data to VA Governing Bodies (Additional data received later from other LAs will be transferred for inclusion)
4 March 2011	West Berkshire VA Governing Bodies' ranked lists to the LA
15 April 2011	Offers and refusals issued to parents
29 April 2011	Parents' acceptance of offer
6 May 2011	Closing date for appeals

This co-ordinated and in-year scheme for school admissions for 2011/12 has been adopted by the Governing Body of

..... **School.**

Signed..... (Chair of Governors)

Date.....

APPENDIX D

IN-YEAR FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOL

SUMMARY

This protocol has been established to meet the Government's expectations that local Admissions Forums agree a protocol, by consensus with all schools, the LA and others involved in supporting vulnerable children, for sharing hard to place children and to provide a fair and transparent process for swift allocation of appropriate education provision for all vulnerable West Berkshire pupils.

The West Berkshire Admissions Forum has agreed that a West Berkshire Pupil Placement Panel be established to consider the circumstances of vulnerable children, referred to them by an agreed process, and to identify the school that should admit the child, or alternative provision where appropriate, following consultation.

If the Admissions Forum had failed to agree a protocol on a voluntary basis the Secretary of State would consider whether to take out legislation requiring them to do so with the ability to impose a protocol if agreement cannot be reached; it was therefore important that a consensus is reached with a collective aim of securing a process that will benefit the individual needs of West Berkshire's vulnerable children.

This protocol will apply to both primary and secondary schools. It describes the circumstances in which it will be applied and sets out how decisions about admissions of vulnerable and hard to place pupils will be agreed. It will also be used to protect schools from admitting a disproportionate number of vulnerable pupils.

This protocol was consulted upon with all schools, governing bodies, diocesan boards and all other interested parties in September and December 2005. The Admissions Forum considered proposals and all representations made to determine a final protocol. It is hoped that the final protocol will be agreed, by consensus with all concerned, to enable the operation of the process with effect from the start of the Spring Term 2006.

Nothing in this protocol will override the provisions of Class Size legislation.

AIMS OF THE PROTOCOL

- To enable schools to work together with the LA on their wider responsibilities to provide places for vulnerable and hard to place pupils
- To work for the benefit of all children concerned
- To be more than just a shared aspiration to collaborate
- To reduce exclusions and provide the process for managed transfers
- To be reviewed annually by the Admissions Forum after consultation with schools

PRINCIPLES TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE PROTOCOL TO BE SUCCESSFUL

- In the best interests of the child, all schools in West Berkshire agree to share a collective responsibility with the LA to ensure admission to a suitable school or alternative provision as quickly as possible
- No school will be asked to take an excessive or unreasonable number of pupils excluded from other schools
- The Pupil Placement Panel will identify the school that should admit the child, or alternative provision if appropriate, and decisions apply to all schools, including Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools responsible for their own admissions
- Schools cannot cite oversubscription as reason for not admitting under the protocol
- Vulnerable pupils will be given priority for admissions over others on a waiting list or awaiting an appeal
- Schools must respond immediately to requests for admission from the Panel so that the admission is not delayed
- Schools cannot insist on an appeal being held before admitting a child under this protocol
- Schools will not refuse to admit a child who has been denied a place at that school at appeal, if the Panel identifies that school as the one to admit the child
- Consideration is given to all vulnerable and hard to place pupils, which may, or may not, include:
 1. Looked After Children for whom an authority acts as parent, and those in Kinship Care.
 2. Children whose family is subject to emergency housing by the authority or into a recognised refuge,
 3. Permanently excluded pupils,
 4. Children recognised as having challenging behaviour where it is considered that a change of school is in their best interests,
 5. Children attending PRUs who need to be reintegrated back into mainstream education,
 6. Children who have been out of education for longer than one school term,
 7. Children whose parents have been unable to find them a place after moving to the area, because of a shortage of places,
 8. Children withdrawn from schools by their family, following fixed term exclusions and unable to find another place,
 9. Children of refugees and asylum seekers not in accommodation centres,

10. Homeless children,
11. Children with unsupportive family backgrounds, where a place has not been sought,
12. Children known to the police or other agencies,
13. Children without a school place and with a history of serious attendance problems, and
14. Traveller Children.

- Alternative provision may not be appropriate for Looked After Children, who must be found a suitable school place quickly
- Children requiring a school place may continue to be admitted in accordance with usual admission policies rather than the protocol when places are available
- Parents/Carers and children's views will be considered – but they will not override the decision of the Panel if the preferred school is unable to take the pupil
- Wherever possible, pupils with religious affiliations will be matched to a suitable school – but this will not override the decision of the Panel if the school is unable to take the pupil or if the pupil identified for the school does not have that affiliation
- Monitoring of pupils in each year group and each school will be cumulative and take account of pupils already in any year group, including previously excluded pupils already in year group – unless they have been in school for 2 years without a fixed period exclusion.

PUPIL PLACEMENT PANEL

- Members to consist of:
 1. Chair: Development Manager: Inclusion
 2. 2 Primary Head Teachers (inc. Special & PRU) from pool of 8 inc. at least 1 Voluntary Aided (reviewed annually)
 3. 2 Secondary Head Teachers (inc. Special & PRU) from pool of 8 (reviewed annually)
 4. Principal Education Welfare Officer
 5. Children's Services representative
 6. Admissions Officer
 7. School Governors (1 Primary – 1 Secondary) from pool of 8
 8. Invited representatives who may already be involved in the child's case or may need to provide additional support once the child is admitted to the school.
- Head Teacher or Governor from the school being considered to receive a child, or having permanently excluded that child, shall be excused from the discussion concerning that child

- Pools of Head Teachers and Governors would allow for each to normally sit every two months
- Panel to sit fortnightly

PROCEDURE FOR REFERRAL & CONSIDERATION

- Referral Form to be completed (Appendix A – to be devised) and forwarded to the designated officer supporting the Pupil Placement Panel
- Referrals can be made by the following:
 1. Head Teacher of a school (inc. PRU)
 2. Education Welfare Officer
 3. School Admissions Officer
 4. Social Worker
- All referrals will be logged and the case reviewed to consider the extent to which normal admissions arrangements would allow for admission to preferred schools
- Each case to be considered at a weekly Pre-Panel Internal Discussion Group consisting of :
 1. PRU Head Teachers
 2. Admissions Officer
 3. Education Welfare Officer
 4. Social Worker
- Pre-Panel Discussion Group will establish the extent of reports and consultation to be undertaken prior to consideration by the Pupil Placement Panel. Reports/consultation will be obtained from:
 1. Parents or Carers (Robin Douglas in case of LAC)
 2. All schools involved – previously/currently attended and preferred by parents
 3. Education Welfare Officer
 4. Social Worker if applicable
 5. Professionals if applicable (EPS, BST, FRT)
 6. Admissions Officers
 7. SEN Officers
 8. Other LAs if applicable
- Multi-professional assessments and risk assessments will be undertaken when considered necessary. Risk assessments will be undertaken in cases with a history of violent or sexually aggressive behaviour towards pupils or staff.
- Education Welfare Officers will obtain reports to be passed to the designated support officer for presentation to Pupil Placement Panel Members.
- Panel to consider case and identify:

1. Appropriate school for admission or alternative provision
 2. Funding arrangements
 3. Transport implications and funding
 4. Multi-Agency Support required
 5. Any other additional resources considered appropriate
- Decisions to be conveyed to relevant school and others involved, including parents or carers, by an P&SAC Officer on behalf of the Panel.

CONSIDERATION BY PUPIL PLACEMENT PANEL

- Balance to be struck between finding a place quickly (eg in an undersubscribed school or one facing challenging circumstances) and finding a place that is appropriate for the child.
- No school will be asked to take an excessive or unreasonable number of pupils excluded from other schools
- Where schools reach a limit in any year group – consideration will be given to placement in alternative provision until a place becomes available – unless schools agree to exceed the limit following consultation
- Consideration will be given to whether good quality alternative provision provides a longer term solution for children who cannot tolerate a mainstream environment
- Where a pupil is permanently excluded the excluding school will pass the remainder of ‘age-weighted pupil unit’ (AWPU) for the financial year back to the LA. Money will be passed to the receiving school when admitted, or used for alternative provision if it is decided not to place the pupil in a school
- Similar funding will be arranged for pupils not permanently excluded when transferring between West Berkshire schools when considered appropriate by the Panel
- Where a pupil is not excluded or transferred between West Berkshire schools, support for transition from the Vulnerable Children’s Grant will be considered by the Panel
- Excluding **secondary** schools will be charged £1000 per term pro-rata for permanently excluded pupils, in line with guidance relating to Pupil Retention Grant
- Where appropriate, support for transition will be provided from PRUs or the Behaviour Support Team

- Consideration will be made whether to assist with transport assistance, normally limited to provision for attending schools beyond walking distance
- The Panel will take account of any genuine concerns about the admission, eg a previous serious breakdown in relationship between the school and the family, or a strong aversion to, or desire for, the religious ethos of the school.

RESULT OF CONSIDERATION

- The Panel decision will be either:
 1. Placement at an identified mainstream school
 2. Dual registration with a mainstream school and alternative provision
 3. Full-time placement in alternative provision with a scheduled review for re-integration into a mainstream school, or
 4. Full-time alternative provision, including within FE sector
 5. Refusal in support of an admission authority when considering whether or not the admission of a pupil, including those from out-of-area, will prejudice the efficient education or efficient use of resources in a school.
- If a school identified as the one to admit refuses to do so, the LA will refer the matter to the Department for Education & Skills (if VC or Community schools) or will direct the school to admit the pupil (if Foundation or Voluntary Aided). The DfES has stated that the School Admissions Code of Practice is to be amended to make this power clear.
- Once agreed which school will admit – a meeting or discussion will be arranged between the school and LA to discuss support needed and provided via the Panel.
- Admission to identified provision will be within 1-2 weeks
- Should this protocol consider an appropriate school place to be in conflict with the preferences of parents, or admission is refused to an out-of-area pupil on the grounds of prejudice to the efficient education and efficient use of resources, parents will be informed of their right of appeal. Any reports considered by the Pupil Placement Panel shall be available for the admissions authority when establishing their case for refusal.

MONITORING

- As a starting point the LA will identify current scale of in-year admissions and whether some schools are taking a disproportionate number of previously excluded pupils or others considered to be vulnerable. This will help analyse types of pupils that are hard to place in the area
- There will be both openness and fairness about these admissions
- Demonstration of the system being open and transparent will be established by working with schools and keeping them informed of any decisions or anything new happening – Statistics will be shared with head teachers each term to show how the protocol is working
- To ensure that a complete picture of how schools are working with the LA to share vulnerable pupils, all such admissions will be recorded. This will include those pupils that could be considered to have been referred to the Panel, but were not, due to admission under the normal admission arrangements. This will assist the Panel when considering cases and ensure that schools do not take a disproportionate number
- The protocol will be reviewed annually by the Admissions Forum, following consultation with all schools, to gauge its effectiveness.

West Berkshire Council

Nursery Admissions Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2011/12

NURSERY ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2011/12

POLICY PROCESS

- This policy applies to Community Nursery Schools and Nursery Classes at Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools in West Berkshire for the 2011/12 academic year
- Governing Bodies of Voluntary Aided Schools with Nursery Classes will receive recommendation to adopt a similar policy with an aim of equitable access
- Policy will be reviewed annually alongside School Admission Arrangements, i.e. Consultation completed by 1 March and Determination by 15 April. (Governing Bodies of Voluntary Aided Schools should do similarly)
- Consultation should be wide and involve seeking consensus at the West Berkshire Admission Forum
- Policy will be published in the Local Authority's (LA's) composite admission prospectus (Parents' Guide)

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALLOCATION

- The LA will delegate responsibility to Governing Bodies to apply this policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools
- The Governing bodies of Voluntary Aided Schools are responsible for setting their own Nursery Admissions policy and applying that policy as they see fit
- The LA will offer support and advice to schools with the implementation
- It is recommended that full Governing Bodies establish an Admissions Sub-Committee consisting of, as a minimum, 2 Governors, the Headteacher and, if desired, a non-voting Nursery Teacher, to confirm allocations within the policy
- The Governing Body or Headteacher must not override the published policy and criteria
- Places must not be refused on grounds of information from other sources
- Places must not be refused due to perceived special educational needs
- Places must not be refused on grounds of previous difficult or challenging behaviour
- No priority will be given to children of school staff or governors

WEST BERKSHIRE PROVISION

- 2 Community Nursery schools
- 11 Community Schools with Nursery Classes
- 5 Voluntary Controlled Schools with Nursery Classes
- 1 Voluntary Aided School with a Nursery Class
- Places available may be limited to a specific number of funded 4 and 3 Year old places

SCHOOL	NO. P-T PLACES	OPENING TIMES	AGE RANGE
Community Nursery Schools			
Hungerford Nursery School	104	09.00 – 14.45	3 - 5
Victoria Park Nursery School	156	08.00 – 16.00	3 - 5
Community Schools with Nursery Classes			
Calcot Infant School & Nursery	52	08.50 – 15.10	3 – 5
Fir Tree Primary School & Nursery	52	09.00 – 15.15	3 – 5
The Willows Primary School	52	08.45 – 11.30 (TBC)	3 – 5
John Rankin Infant & Nursery School	26	09.00 – 12.00	3 – 5
Mrs Bland's Community Infant & Nursery School	52	09.00 – 15.30	3 – 5
Pangbourne Primary School	26	08.50 – 11.30	3 – 5
Robert Sandilands Primary & Nursery	30	09.00 – 12.00	3 - 5
Springfield Primary School	52	09.00 – 15.15	3 – 5
Spurcroft Primary School	52	08.45 – 15.30	3 – 5
The Winchcombe School	52	09.00 – 15.00	3 – 5
Voluntary Controlled Schools with Nursery Classes			
Basildon Church of England Primary School	26	09.00 – 11.45	3 – 5
Lambourn Church of England Primary School	52	08.45 – 15.15	3 – 5
Thatcham Park Church of England Primary School	44	08.45 – 15.00	3 – 5
Theale Church of England Primary School	26	09.00 – 15.10	3 – 5
Voluntary Aided School with a Nursery Class			
St John The Evangelist Infant & Nursery School	52	09.00 – 15.05	3 - 5

- A pupil's final term will be the term in which he or she will attain the age of 5 unless offered and accepted a school reception place within the Local Authorities admission arrangements and co-ordinated scheme
- No fees or charges will apply at any time for the core entitlement. Please note, you could be offered additional sessions, where available, but these may be chargeable. These may, however, need to be withdrawn if required at a later date for another pupil as part of their free core sessions.

SESSION ALLOCATION

- The core entitlement will consist of a maximum offer of 15 hours per week –this may be offered flexibly if agreed with the parent
- Allocation limited to available hours
- Full-Time sessions only offered exceptionally on social grounds with independent professional supporting evidence, e.g. Health Visitor or Pre-School Teacher Counsellor. To be agreed by the Governing Body or Sub-Committee
- Parents normally take up the maximum free entitlement
- Parents will not be able to defer allocation of the free entitlement to a following term; the application must be considered afresh with the child remaining on the waiting list
- It is the responsibility of the school/nursery to find out if the child is being funded in the private or voluntary sector e.g. day nursery, pre-school or accredited childminder, or within another county

MEALS PROVISION

- Eligible children receiving the free entitlement before and after a lunch period will be eligible for a Free School Meal
- Eligibility will be assessed similarly as for Free School Meals in a school

TRANSPORT PROVISION

- Free home to school transport is not normally available for pre-compulsory aged children
- Refused applications have the right of appeal
- Fare-paying seats may be available on transport contracted by the LA. A graded fare-paying system exists based on radial distances and discounts are available for additional siblings

REGISTER OF INTEREST

- Parents should be able to register an interest in a nursery place from the age of 2
- No parent shall be guaranteed a place in the nursery
- No place will be allocated without completion of a Nursery Admission Form at the appropriate time

APPLICATION FORMS

- Forms will be available on www.westberks.gov.uk
- A Nursery Admission Form (NAF) will be produced by the LA on an annual basis
- No admission will be considered without completion of a NAF
- Admission Forms will request the following:
 1. Name
 2. DoB
 3. Gender
 4. Address
 5. Telephone Contacts
 6. Birth certificate / Passport check
 7. Declaration from parent/carer to determine if child is/would be attending another setting
 8. Ethnicity (Non- compulsory request)
 9. Parent / Carer details
 10. Signature and Date
 11. Session preference (a.m./p.m./flexible offer/No Preference – Where available) (N.B. the free entitlement will be allocated in order using the oversubscription criteria shown over the page)

ALLOCATION PROCESS

- Applications to be considered on a termly basis:

TERM TO COMMENCE NURSERY EDUCATION	APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE	NURSERY/SCHOOL TO NOTIFY PARENTS BY
Autumn	28 February	1 April
Spring	30 June	1 September
Summer	30 November	1 January

- Allocated places must be accepted within 2 weeks or withdrawn and re-allocated
- Places will be available until the parent withdraws the child or he or she reaches compulsory school age

- There will be no right to an appeal but parents should be given the opportunity to receive an explanation from the Headteacher in writing and personally if requested
- The LA will normally only consider cases where parents feel that this policy has not been applied correctly
- Applications will not be considered on the length of time on a waiting list or by date of application

LATE APPLICATIONS

- Late applications will only be accepted for a good reason provided that they are received before allocation procedures begin
- All other late applications will be placed on the waiting list and if necessary considered in the following term’s allocation process

ABSENCE

- Any child with un-authorized absence for a period of 15 consecutive school days may have their place withdrawn
- Any child with a withdrawn place must make a fresh application for a place and, if necessary, be considered in the following term’s allocation process

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

- Priority will be given to children with Statements of Special Educational Needs and Looked After Children (regardless of age) before allocation of further places

Thereafter, applications will be considered on a termly basis against the following criteria:

Age	Oversubscription Criteria	Tie Breaker
5	A – all pre compulsory school age 5 year old children	Within any of the over-subscription criteria priority will continue to be given to the applicant whose permanent home address is nearest to the preferred nursery. Distances will be measured using the West Berkshire Geographical Information System available through the home page (www.westberks.gov.uk) taking a straight line from the home address and the nursery and not taking travelling distances. In cases where there are multiple births, priority will be given by time of birth, eldest first.
4	B – 4 year old children with exceptional social grounds	
	C - Siblings already in the Nursery or Nursery Class	
	D - Living within Catchment Area of attached Infant/Primary school NB Community Nursery Schools do not have catchment areas	
	E - All other applicants	
3	F - 3 year old children with exceptional social Grounds	
	G - Siblings already in the Nursery or Nursery Class	
	H - Living within Catchment Area of attached Infant/Primary school NB Community Nursery Schools do not have catchment areas	
	I - All other Applicants	

- Exceptional Social Grounds – should be supported by professionals, e.g. Health Visitor or Pre-School Teacher Counsellor

WAITING LISTS

- Waiting lists will be established for those who have not been offered places and prioritised in the same order as the oversubscription criteria. Waiting lists will be amended with in term and non-

compulsory school age applications; including 5 year olds of non-compulsory school age with the above criteria applying similarly

- Places will be allocated as they become available within the term

DEFINITIONS

- The definitions of the following terms will be as defined in the LA schools admission arrangements:
 1. Parent/Carer
 2. Sibling
 3. Home Address – including change of address process
 4. Core Entitlement – 5 X 3 hour free sessions

NOTES REGARDING ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOLS

- There is no automatic transfer from a nursery class to a school
- A place at a nursery will provide no advantage when seeking a school place
- Applications for school places must be made on the LA Primary School Admission Form – hardcopy or on-line (example deadline dates below)

TERM TO COMMENCE SCHOOL EDUCATION	APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE	OFFERS MADE TO PARENTS DURING
Autumn 2011 (SEPT)	30 November 2010	March 2011

- All school places will be allocated in accordance with the Primary Co-ordinated Admissions scheme

If you have any questions, comments or queries regarding this policy please contact Andy Cordell, Parent & Student Advice Centre Officer, Education Service, Avonbank House, West Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 1BZ. Response by e-mail would be welcome to acordell@westberks.gov.uk or telephone 01635 503409