

APPENDIX A

Analysis of Consultation

The following bodies and persons were consulted:

- School staff
- Governors
- Parents/Carers of pupils at the two schools
- Local Councillors
- Local MP (Frank Field)
- The Anglican Diocese of Chester and Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury
- Governing bodies, teachers and other staff of all the primary phase schools within this small planning area, and of St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School
- Parents/Carers of pupils at all primary phase schools within the small planning area, and at St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School
- Trade Union representatives

Number of responses received by school

Responses	Total	Directly related	Others
St Laurence's	10	1	9
Cathcart Street	18	13	5
Cole Street	38	24	14
Other	1		

Consultation Meetings

St Laurence's Catholic Primary School

Present:

Cllr Phil Davies (Chairman)
 Mark Parkinson – LA
 Marie Lawrence – LA
 David Armstrong – LA
 Sally Gibbs – LA
 Phil Edwards – Technician

John Walsh – Acting Headteacher
 Sister Frances Guiney – Vice Chair of Governors

Sister Pauline – Representative of the Diocese of Shrewsbury

Attended by 18 parents, 13 staff members, 5 governors and 21 other interested persons.

26% of pupils were represented by at least one parent/carer.

Cathcart Street Primary School

Present:

Cllr Phil Davies (Chairman)
 Mark Parkinson – LA
 Marie Lawrence - LA
 David Armstrong – LA
 Sally Gibbs – LA

Phil Edwards – Technician

Rosemarie Bishop – Headteacher

John Cocker – Chair of Governors

Attended by 33 parents, 15 staff members, 4 governors, and 7 other interested persons.

29% of pupils were represented by at least one parent/carer.

Cole Street Primary School

Present:

Cllr Phil Davies (Chairman)

Mark Parkinson – LA

Marie Lawrence – LA

David Armstrong – LA

Sally Gibbs – LA

Phil Edwards – Technician

Val Chaderton - Headteacher

Barbara Egan – Chair of Governors

Attended by 16 parents, 22 staff members, 6 governors and 8 other interested persons.

13% of pupils were represented by at least one parent/carer.

Petitions in relation to St Laurence's

A **petition** was received in support of St Laurence's Catholic Primary School containing 627 entries, of which 329 were duplicates, incomplete or non-existent addresses, out of borough or persons not on the electoral roll.

Of the remaining 298 entries:

Catchment Parish	Percentage
St Laurence's	22
St Werburgh's	4
Our Lady and St Edwards	7
Other Wirral	67

6% of signees were parents/carers of a child attending St Laurence's Catholic Primary School.

In order for all stakeholders to have access to relevant background information and have the opportunity to comment and respond, the following methods of consultation have been employed :

a) A range of documentation has been produced and distributed.

This comprised:

- (i) the full consultation document sent to all schools in the North Birkenhead area; St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School in the South Birkenhead planning area; Birkenhead High School for Girls (Junior Division); local One-Stop shops, Bidston and St James library and the Central Libraries; Wallasey Town Hall and relevant community centres;
- (ii) a review pack comprising all the relevant background information sent to all the locations in (i) above;

- (iii) parents'/carers' consultation leaflets and comments forms to all parents/carers, via the three schools named in the options;
 - (iv) standard letters to all the schools in the small planning area, one format for schools named in the options and one for other schools in the small planning area and for parents of pupils at St Werburgh's Catholic Primary School and Birkenhead High School for Girls (Junior Division).
- b) A dedicated web-site on the Wirral Learning Grid was established and advertised on the council web-site, the council Intranet, and in the parents' consultation leaflets and the standard letters to schools. This site provided access to all the information produced in paper form and allowed e-mail responses to a dedicated e-mail address.
- c) Meetings were arranged for all interested stakeholders at each of the schools named in options for closure or amalgamation. These meetings followed the same format, with a presentation on the overall position and the school specific position followed by around ninety minutes of time for audience comments, feedback and questions. The meetings were attended by parents, carers, staff, governors, Ward members and various other interested persons and bodies, including Diocesan representatives where appropriate. Each meeting was chaired by the Cabinet member for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning. The dates for the meetings were in the parents' leaflets and on the specific web-site and a general notice was published in the local press.
- d) Opportunities have been provided for other means of response. Submissions have been received in paper and e-mail formats – all of which will be made available before and at the Cabinet meeting, in addition to the summaries contained in this report.
- e) All of the relevant LA documentation produced for the consultation has been shared with the Diocesan Bodies.