

# Education and School Places Central and North Wards

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# What is the Local Authorities responsibilities?

- Running the co-ordinated admissions process within the city and with other authorities.
- Supply of school places within the local authority area regardless of type of school.
- Transportation where we are unable to provide any preference school or where a child either lives over 2 miles away (aged up to 8) or 3 miles away (8+) from catchment school

# Admissions Process

- Statutory drive process, governed by admissions code of practice.
- No reserving places for people who might move into an area.
- Parents indicate Preferences – ‘all equal’ – 3 choices.
- Late applications are treated last regardless of location of child.
- Admissions cycle –
  - Primary (for reception and Y2/3 infant & junior transfer) – start in October, applications by January, allocations April / May
  - Secondary (Year 7 only) – start in September, applications by end of October, allocations in March
- Online system for applying for a school place
- In year admissions / Waiting lists are dynamic.
- Complaints – school adjudicator, Local Government Ombudsman

# How children are selected...?

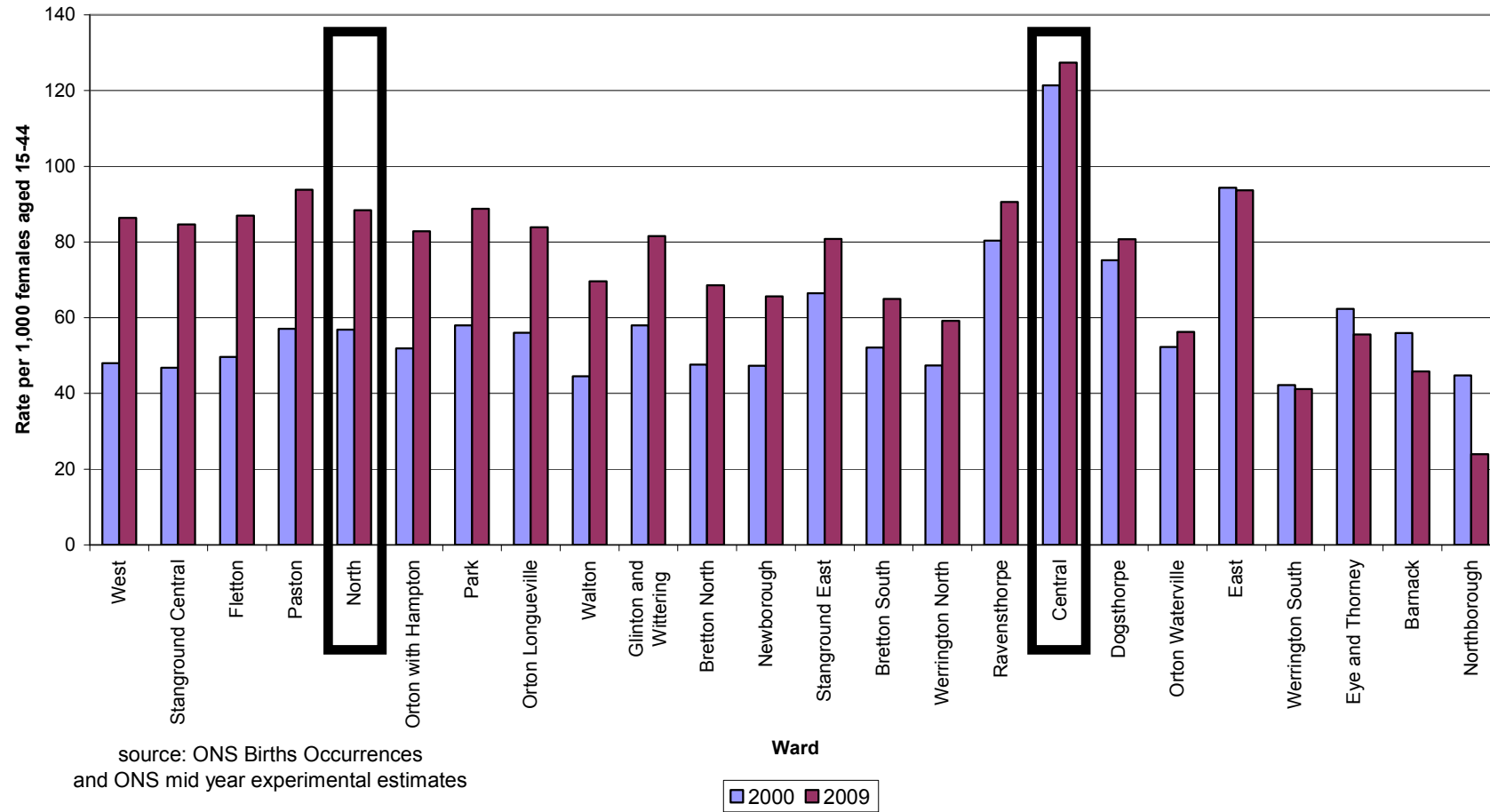
- 17 Admissions Authorities with LA overseeing arrangements - Admissions Forum.
- Main criteria (typical)–
  - Looked after children
  - Medical needs / Special Education Needs
  - Siblings
  - Catchment / Distance – straight line as the crow flies
- Selection – religion, educational attainment, gifted and talented, fair banding
- Published Admissions numbers – number of children in each year group – based upon capacity analysis.
- Infant class size legislation – requires groups to be taught in class sizes of no more than 30 by 1 teacher for ages 4 – 7 (Infants)

# Why pressures on school places?

- Birth rates – 25% increase in last 5 years
- Migration – local, regional and international – 96 distinct languages in schools.
- Economic growth / stability / employment – stopped people leaving city.
- Success of our schools attracting students from other local authorities

# Birth Rates

NHSP Live Birth Rate per 1,000 females aged 15 - 44  
Comparison of 2000 rate to 2009 rate



# School Place Planning

- Short term vs medium term vs long term – tax payers resources vs. right to local school...empty schools expensive to run
- “Local Places for Local Children”
- Condition, suitability and spaces...
- Participation age rising?
- Standards
- Government expectation of 5% of school places should be surplus.
- Difficult to build in schools – space, working around existing schools and impact on education.

# Demography

	Primary Pupil Numbers	Secondary Pupil Numbers
2004-05	14752	13360
2010-11	15900	13598
2015-16	17990	14020

- Current growth in under 5's will not reach secondary schools until 2020 at earliest
- Unable to predict further inward migration especially with opening of EU – Turkey? Albania? Macedonia? Etc.
- Impact of participation age? Economic circumstances?



# Pressures in Central and East Wards

- Primary – all full in all year groups.
  - Gladstone
  - Fulbridge
  - The Beeches
- Secondary – Key destinations include –
  - Jack Hunt (full)
  - St John Fisher (full)
  - The Voyager Academy (49 places)
  - Thomas Deacon Academy (full)
- Every child in the city is allocated a place at a school.
- Churn on school places underway...
- Further review in area – demography suggests that in 2013/14, there could be 458 applications for the 3 schools for 240 places.

# Meeting School Place Pressures

School	Scheme	Estimated cost	Additional places total	Timescale
All Saints Junior School	New build all through primary school	£6,000,000	180	Part completion by September 2012
The Beeches Primary	Refurbishment and increase to admission number	£2,200,000	105	Part completion by September 2011
City of Peterborough Academy	Reopening School as 6 FE entry 11-16 school with post 16 to be developed in 2016.	£10,000,000	900	Potential partial opening in Sept 2012 pending DfE agreement
Discovery Primary School	Extension to 3 form entry, works to bring together former infant and junior schools and replacement of boilers with biomass	£2,250,000	210	Part Completion by September 2011
Paston Ridings Primary School	Extension to 3 form entry	£2,700,000	210	Part completion by September 2011
Queen's Drive Infant School	Extension to 3 form entry	£1,000,000	60	September 2012
Thomas Deacon Academy	Key Stage 2 extension	£6,000,000	360	September 2013
Welland Primary School	New 2 form entry school	£8,000,000	210	September 2012
West Town Primary School	New building increaing capacity to 2 FE	£8,000,000	105	September 2014

# Results for City

- Key Stage 4 - 5 A\*-C GCSE including E+M is 51% (+5% on 2010)
- Key Stage 2 – English 1% increase, Maths same as 2010, English and Maths combined (2% increase on 2010).
- Foundation Stage Profile – increased by 5% over 2010

# Schools in Central and North Wards

- Fulbridge – Satisfactory – Oct 2008
- Gladstone – Satisfactory – March 2009
- The Beeches – Good – February 2009
- Jack Hunt – Good – March 2010
- St John Fisher – Satisfactory March 2010
- The Voyager Academy – Satisfactory –  
December 2009
- Thomas Deacon Academy – Good – July 2010