

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th April 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

Admission Arrangements for 2008/2009

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report that outlined the proposed admission arrangements for primary and secondary schools in September 2008. The arrangements took account of and complied with relevant legislation for admissions in 2008.

Cabinet was provided with a copy of the Stockton on Tees Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for admissions in 2008/09 which included a timetable.

Members noted that for admissions during 2008 the Council would be using the Equal Ranking System to allocate places. Equal Ranking would give parents the opportunity of applying for their preferred school without fear of being refused their admission zone school.

Cabinet noted that there were three primary schools where there were changes in circumstances for admissions in September 2008. Details were given.

Details of how the Council would deal with Children of UK Service personnel and other Crown servants were provided and Members noted that there was now a duty placed on the Council to provide Choice Advice and assistance to parents deciding which school they wanted to send their children to.

Additionally Members were provided with details of changes relating to pupils' entitlements to school travel.

RESOLVED that

1.the Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements for 2008/09 which includes using the Equal Ranking System to allocated places to oversubscribed schools be agreed.

2.changes in circumstances for the 3 primary schools be agreed

3. how the LA and other admission authorities deal with Crown Children of UK Service personnel and other Crown servants (including Diplomats) be agreed

4. the new Choice Advice Service which will be offered parents applying for school places be agreed

5. the changes in the transport arrangements for low income families to comply with new legislation be agreed

3. Reasons for the Decision

Legislation required the LA to publish information to be available for parents when they applied for a place at primary and secondary school. The information had to comply with the School Admissions Code derived from the Education & Inspections Bill 2006.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

All Cabinet Members; along with Councillors Mrs Beaumont, Cains, Lupton, Mrs Rigg and Woodhead each declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of this item as a result of their membership as a Council representative on school governing bodies.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight Friday 20th April 2007

Proper Officer
13 April 2007