

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....8th March 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2013

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that outlined the admission arrangements the Council was proposing for primary and secondary schools in September 2013.

Cabinet noted that a new School Admissions Code (SAC) had come into force on the 1 February 2012. The SAC would apply to admission arrangements determined in 2012 for admissions in school year 2013/14.

Members were provided with details of proposed amendments to existing arrangements in order to comply with the new SAC.

Members also noted the priority the proposed Admission Policy would give to applications.

It was explained that the Council was responsible for administering a co-ordinated scheme for the area in relation to all maintained community, voluntary aided, voluntary controlled and Academies . A copy of the Council's Admissions Scheme, which included the relevant timetable was provided.

It was explained that, with regard to admission numbers there was a rising number of pupils within the primary sector. Members were reminded that Cabinet had previously agreed work to increase capacity in appropriate schools.

Details of the proposed Admission numbers for September 2013 were provided. With regard to the Admission numbers it was noted that St Michael's RC Secondary would have an intake of 168 rather than the 196 as stated. St Michael's would consider increasing the number taking account of the number of applications it received.

RESOLVED that

1. the Admission Policy for September 2013 amending the published information for oversubscribed schools with in zone applications and updating changes to looked after children to comply with the new School Admissions Code be approved.

2. the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary, Secondary, Voluntary Aided (VA) schools and Academies be approved

3. admission numbers for September 2013 be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Legislation required the Council 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 recently published School Admissions Code derived from the Education & Inspections Bill 2006. The Council was required to set admission arrangements accordingly and lodge a copy of the Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements with the Secretary of State by the 15 April 2012.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cook declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in the item entitled Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2013 as he had a grandson who would shortly be applying for a Secondary School place.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

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

Midnight Friday 16 March 2012

Proper Officer  
12 March 2012