

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting7th March 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

Procedure for Admission of pupils to primary and secondary schools in September 2014

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 2014.

The report included the full Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements and Admission numbers for community, voluntary controlled primary and secondary schools in Stockton on Tees for the school year 2014/15.

Members were provided with details of changes made to the School Admissions and Appeals Code, published February 2012.

Members were also provided with details of the Admissions Policy for September 2014 and the priority it would give to applications for admission to a school if that school was oversubscribed.

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

Members noted that with regard to admission numbers pupil projections showed a rise in the number of pupils within the primary sector, as set out in the School Organisation Plan, presented to Cabinet in October 2011. This was resulting in pressure for places in areas of the Borough, particularly in lower primary.

These pressures had been reflected in the School Capital Strategy Report. It was explained that there were currently a number of refurbishment works taking place across the borough which would see primary places for September 2014 total 2,582, an increase of a further 209 places based on the original 2012 Published Admission Numbers.

As a result of this the Council had been able to agree with a number of schools increased admission numbers.

Members received proposed admission numbers for September 2014 in Community, VA and Academies and showed the proposed increase in primary school admission numbers across the Borough.

RESOLVED that:

1. the key changes to the new School Admissions and Appeals Code, published Feb 2012, be noted.
2. the Admission Policy for September 2014 be noted.
3. the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary, Secondary, Voluntary Aided (VA) schools and Academies, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report to Cabinet, be approved..
4. admission numbers for September 2014, as detailed at Appendix 2 of the report to Cabinet, be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Legislation requires the LA to publish information to be available for parents when they apply for a place at primary and secondary school. The information has to comply with the published School Admissions Code derived from the Education & Inspections Bill 2006. The LA is 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 2013.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight on Friday, 15th March 2013

Proper Officer
11 March 2013