

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting13th March 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO PRIMARY &
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 2015

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that outlined the admission arrangements the Local Authority (LA) was proposing for primary and secondary schools in September 2015. In order to comply with legislation for admissions in 2015, the report included the full Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements and Admission numbers for Primary and Secondary Schools for that year.

The new Admissions Code underpinned the Government's aim to create a schools system shaped by parents which delivered excellence and equity, developing the talents and potential of every child, regardless of their background; a system where all parents feel they had the same opportunities to apply for the school they want.

Within Stockton-On-Tees the aim was to ensure that the admission arrangements were in line with the principle of fair access to educational opportunity. The LA's policies, procedures and the additional information published in the Primary and Secondary Admissions Booklet 2015 for parents supported this.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The proposed changes to criteria 3 and 6 of the Admission Policy for September 2015 (paragraph 1 and Appendix 1 of the report) be agreed.
2. The Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary, Secondary, Voluntary Aided (VA) schools, Academies and the proposed Free School (paragraph 2 and Appendix 2) be agreed.
3. Admission numbers for September 2015 (paragraph 3 and Appendix 3) be agreed.

4. The Approach to rural community admission zone anomalies (paragraph 4) be noted.
 5. The South of the borough implications for zoning (paragraph 5) be noted.
 6. The information and current position in relation to Ingleby Manor Free School (paragraph 6) be noted.
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 2012 School Admissions Code. 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 2014 for admission to Primary and Secondary schools in September 2015.
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, 21st March 2014

Proper Officer
17 March 2014