

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

12 MARCH 2015

REPORT OF CHILDREN &
YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT
COMMITTEE

CABINET DECISION

Children & Young People – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Ann McCoy

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SCHOOL ORGANISATION AND ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

1. Summary

The attached report presents the Children & Young People Select Committee findings following the Scrutiny Review of School Organisation and Admission Arrangements.

2. Recommendation

That the report be noted.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2013/14.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or

- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or

voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code).

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SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

DETAIL

1. This report presents Cabinet with the outcomes of the Scrutiny Review of School Organisation and Admission Arrangements, undertaken by the Committee during the Municipal Year 2014/15. The topic was identified for review at Scrutiny Liaison Forum and included in the 2014/15 Work Programme by Executive Scrutiny Committee.
2. The review sought to ensure that the process and criteria for identifying priorities for 2014/15 has been transparent and robust in addition to ensuring that the statutory public consultation was carried out appropriately. It was also agreed that the Committee would consider the consultation feedback and scrutinise the outcomes and report to Cabinet on recommendations in March 2015, prior to lodging with Secretary of State in April 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4. None

RISK ASSESSMENT

5. This review is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6. This report is not subject to an Equality Impact Assessment because it is making no major change to any policy or service provision.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

7. The proposals in this report have been subject to consultation as set out in the attached Select Committee report.

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Education related? Yes

Background Papers None

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors

The proposals as a whole are not ward specific.

Property

None