

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th February 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2017

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the admission arrangements the Local Authority (LA) was proposing for primary and secondary schools in September 2017. In order to comply with legislation for admissions in 2017, the report included the full Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements and Admission numbers for Primary and Secondary Schools for that year.

The report included reference to the Children and Young People Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of School Organisation and Admission Arrangements (Phase 2).

The new Admissions Code published December 2014 underpinned the Government aimed 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 LAs current policies, procedures and the additional information to be published in the Primary and Secondary Admissions Booklets 2017 for parents supported this.

Attached to the report was a copy of the Stockton on Tees Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for admissions in 2017/18 which included the timetable.

The proposed Admission Numbers for September 2017 in Community, VA, Academies and Free Schools was also attached to the report. This showed the proposed increase in school admission numbers across the Borough.

The proposed Admission Policy for 2017/18 gave priority to applications for admission to a Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary or Secondary school if that school was oversubscribed. Details of this was also attached to the report.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The proposed Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary, Secondary, Voluntary Aided (VA) schools, Academies and Free School (point 8 and Appendix 1) be agreed.
2. The proposed admission numbers for Primary and Secondary schools for September 2017 (point 10 and Appendix 2) be agreed.
3. The proposed Admission Policy for September 2017 (point 11 and Appendix 3) be agreed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Legislation requires the LA to publish information annually and to be available for parents when they apply for a place at primary and secondary school. The information has to comply with the published 2014 School Admissions Code. The LA must as the admission authority determine (i.e. formally agree) its admission arrangements, even if it hasn't changed from the previous year and a consultation has not been required. These arrangements therefore must be determined by 31 January 2016 for admission to Primary and Secondary schools in September 2017.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 8 - Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2017 as he was on the Board of Governors at one of the schools detailed within the report.

Councillor Mrs McCoy declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 8 - Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2017 as she was on the Board of Governors at one of the schools detailed within the report.

Councillor Cook declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of

agenda item 8 - Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2017 as his grandchildren were at two of the schools detailed within the report.

Councillor Beall declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 8 - Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2017 as he was the Chair of the Board of Governors at one of the schools detailed within the report.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 19 February 2016.

Proper Officer
15 February 2016