

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting14th February 2019

1. Title of Item/Report

Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2020

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 2020. In order to comply with legislation for admissions in 2020, the report included the full Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements, the Admission numbers for Primary and Secondary Schools for that year and the proposed Admission Policy for entry in September 2020.

The Admissions Code published December 2014 underpinned the Government aim to create a schools system shaped by parents which delivers excellence and equity, developing the talents and potential of every child, regardless of their background; a system where all parents feel they have the same opportunities to apply for the school they want.

Stockton-on-Tees aimed to ensure that the admission arrangements were in line with the principle of fair access to educational opportunity. The LAs policies, procedures and the additional information to be published in the Primary and Secondary Admissions Booklets 2020 for parents would support this.

Attached to the report were the Co-ordinated Admission Scheme for Primary, Secondary, Voluntary Aided (VA) schools, Academies and Free School for 2020/21; Published Admission Numbers for Primary, Secondary Schools, Academies and Free Schools for September 2020 and the Admission Policy for September 2020 for Primary and Secondary Community and Voluntary (VC) Schools in Stockton-On-Tees.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The proposed Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary, Secondary, Voluntary Aided (VA) schools, Academies and Free School (points 5-7 and Appendix 1 of the report) be agreed.

2. The proposed admission numbers for Primary and Secondary schools for September 2020 (point 8 and Appendix 2 of the report) be agreed.

3. The proposed Admission Policy for September 2020 (point 11 and Appendix 3 of the report) 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 28 February 2019 for admission to Primary and Secondary schools in September 2020.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Bob Cook declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 15 - Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2020 as he was a governor at one of the schools detailed within the report.

Councillor Mike Smith declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 15 - Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2020 as his daughter worked at one of the schools detailed within the report.

Councillor Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 15 - Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2020 as she was a governor at one of the schools detailed within the report.

Councillor Jim Beall declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 15 - Procedure for Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2020 as he was the Chair 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, 23 February 2019

Proper Officer
19 February 2019