

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 19 March 2013

Decision No: (CAB 12/13 9713)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SUBJECT:	ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15
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THE DECISION

- (i) To note the responses from the admissions consultation with Southampton Admissions Forum, schools, other relevant admission authorities, and the Church of England and Roman Catholic dioceses.
- (ii) To approve the admissions policies and the published admission numbers (PANs) for community and voluntary controlled schools including Bitterne Park, selection by aptitude and 6th form arrangements; the schemes for co-ordinating primary and secondary admissions for the academic year 2014-15 as set out in Appendices 1- 6;
- (iii) To authorise the Executive Director for Children's Services and Learning to take any action necessary to give effect to the admissions policy, and to make any changes necessary to the Admissions Policies where required to give effect to any Acts, Regulations or revised Admissions or Admissions Appeals Codes or binding Schools Adjudicator, Court or Ombudsman decisions whenever they arise.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The Local Authority has a statutory duty to determine the admission criteria on an annual basis and ensure all rising 5's have an allocated education place.
2. The proposed policy is at Appendix 1. This has been consulted on and the responses are available at Appendix 2.
3. Implementation of the policy is dependent on these schemes:-
 - admissions policy for Infant, Junior, Primary, Secondary and Sixth Form pupils to community and voluntary controlled schools, see appendix 1;
 - the outcomes of the annual consultation with school governing bodies and the relevant Church of England and Roman Catholic dioceses, see

appendix 2;

- published admission numbers (PANS) for community and voluntary controlled schools, see appendix 3;
- the co-ordinated scheme for year R entry to infant/primary schools, see appendix 4;
- the co-ordinated schemes for entry to junior school, see appendix 5;
- the co-ordinated scheme for primary to secondary transfer, see appendix 6;

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The two alternative options considered were:

- (i) To not determine local admission arrangements. This was rejected on the basis that it would result in the imposition of admissions arrangements upon local schools by the Secretary of State for Education, and the failure of the Council to have met its statutory obligations to children and parents under the Admissions code.
- (ii) To not change admissions arrangements in relation to the relative status of children attending an infant school linked to a junior school. This was rejected on the basis that this change was felt to give parents more confidence that their child's primary education would follow a natural progression more similar to that of children attending a Primary school.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 19 March 2013

Decision Maker: The Cabinet

Proper Officer: Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on 27th March 2013

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)