

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 7 February 2022

Decision No: (CAB 21/22 33477)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Education
SUBJECT:	Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for Academic Year 2023-2024
AUTHOR:	Zoe Snow

THE DECISION

Having complied with paragraph 15 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

- (i) To approve the Admissions Policies, the Published Admission Numbers (PANs) and the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools and the schemes for coordinating Infant-Primary, Junior and Secondary admissions for the school year 2023-24 as set out in appendices 1 to 7.
- (ii) To authorise the Executive Director - Wellbeing, Children and Learning to take any action necessary to give effect to the admissions policies and to make any changes necessary to the admissions policies where required to give effect to any Acts, Regulations or revised Schools Admissions or School Admissions Appeals Codes or binding Schools Adjudicator, Court or Ombudsman decisions whenever they arise.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This report is presented as a general exception item in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution. Amendments to the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to information) (England) Regulations 2012 require 28 days' notice to be given prior to determining all Key Decisions. This notice was not given in this case due to the nature of the decision needing to be taken not being determined. This was due to a delay in school forecasting information that meant it was not clear if any changes to the admission arrangements and policies were needed, that would have triggered the need for a consultation period.

As a requirement of the Admissions Code 2021, all admission authorities must determine their admission arrangements by 28th February of the determination year. For 2023 entry, the determination year is 2022. This is further reason why this report

is being presented as a Regulation 15 exception, as the determination must occur by this date and cannot be held until a later Future Plan.

The proposed policies are at Appendix 1, 2 and 3. There are no changes from the 2022-23 arrangements

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

An alternative option considered was to not consult on or determine local admission arrangements. This has been rejected because it would be unlawful.

An alternative option considered was to consult upon and recommend changes to the PANs of some schools. This has been rejected due to the lack of evidence presented from pupil forecasting at the present time

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: 7th February 2022

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Claire Heather

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

Date of Call-in <i>(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)</i>
Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i>
Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>