

Report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools
Report submitted by: Head of Service School Improvement
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Part I

Electoral Division affected:
All

Determination of Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary and Secondary Schools and Sixth Forms for the School Year 2017/18

(Appendices 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' refer)

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Executive Summary

To determine the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the school year 2017/18.

This is a Key Decision and is included in the Forward Plan.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools is recommended to approve :

(i) that the admission numbers for community and voluntary controlled primary schools, secondary schools and sixth forms for 2017/18 listed at Appendices 'A' and 'B' (which include the recommendations of the Director of Children's Services as listed at Appendix 'C') be determined;

(ii) that the criteria for admission to community and voluntary controlled primary schools, secondary schools and sixth forms for 2017/18 as listed at Appendix 'D' be agreed; and

(iii) that the admission numbers and criteria for admission set out at (a) and (b), together with the other information included on the Authority's website and in its admissions booklets, shall constitute the admission arrangements for 2017/18.

Background and Advice

The County Council is the admissions authority for community and voluntary controlled schools. In accordance with Sections 88A-Q of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education and Skills Act 2008 and regulations, the County Council is required to consult widely about the proposed admission arrangements for schools where it is the admissions authority. During Autumn Term 2015, the County Council consulted with the governors of community and controlled schools on the proposed arrangements for admission to those schools for the 2017/18 school year. The governors were invited to comment on the proposed admissions policy and admission number for their school. Further parties, including other admission authorities within the relevant area for each community and controlled school, were also consulted about these proposals. A full list of those consulted is included within this report.

The proposed admission numbers for community and voluntary controlled secondary schools, primary schools and sixth forms for the school year 2017/18 are listed at Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

The responses from governors and comments from officers to the proposed admission numbers for community and voluntary controlled secondary and primary schools are set out at Appendix 'C'. This summarises the recommendations of the Director of Children's Services.

The proposed admissions criteria for community and voluntary controlled secondary schools, primary schools and sixth forms for the school year 2017/18 are listed at Appendix 'D'. Where changes have been proposed, any responses from schools and officer comments are provided.

Consultations

- Governors of community and voluntary controlled schools
- Governors of voluntary aided and foundation, free schools and academies
- Other Local Education Authorities adjoining Lancashire
- Diocesan and Church Authority colleagues
- Capital Development and Asset Management Team
- Liaison and Compliance Team
- County Secretary and Solicitor's Group
- Public

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

If the admission arrangements are not determined by 28 February 2016, the Authority would not be complying with its statutory obligations.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
DfE – Admissions Code of Practice – "School Admissions Code – December 2014"		Paul Bainbridge/Nan Hogg, Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 531655/531540
School Standards and Framework Act 1998		Paul Bainbridge/Nan Hogg, Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 531655/531540
Education and Inspections Act 2006		Paul Bainbridge/Nan Hogg, Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 531655/531540
Education and Skills Act 2008		Paul Bainbridge/Nan Hogg, Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 531655/531540
The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2014		Paul Bainbridge/Nan Hogg, Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 531655/531540
The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012		Paul Bainbridge/Nan Hogg, Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 531655/531540
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		