

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**7th April 2015**

**Report of the Acting Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

**SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016/17**

1. **Purpose of Report** To report on the annual consultation and to determine admission arrangements for 2016/17.
2. **Information and Analysis**
  - 2.1 The regulations concerning school admissions require that the admission arrangements for 2016/17 are consulted upon before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and determined by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
  - 2.2 Consultation information was posted on the Derbyshire County Council website from December 2014 setting out the proposed changes to arrangements for 2016/17.
  - 2.3 The following were also consulted:
    - [a] Community, Voluntary Controlled, Academy, Voluntary Aided and Foundation primary and secondary schools in Derbyshire.
    - [b] Neighbouring Local Authorities and Diocesan Authorities.
    - [c] Neighbouring authority schools which are adjacent to the County boundary and may be affected by Derbyshire's arrangements.
  - 2.4 The consultation was publicised by schools' extranet, e-mail and by public notices in the local press in December 2014.

The consultation period has now ended. No responses have been received. No changes are proposed to the published

admission arrangements for community and controlled schools for 2016/7 other than changes to the arrangements for the admission of children outside their normal age group to make them compliant with the most recent DfE guidance. A copy of these arrangements is available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

### Published Admission Numbers [PANs]

- 2.5 Following consultation, changes to the school Published Admission Numbers (PANs) listed in Annex 1 are recommended. In line with recommendations from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator, and following consultation, the sixth form PANs for community and controlled schools set out in Annex 1 are also recommended.

All of these changes are in line with revised net capacity assessments.

- 2.6 The only school where the PAN is less than the indicated admission number (IAN) is now Spire Junior School. The published number is 50 while the indicated number is 51. This was agreed following consultation within the community so that the PANs of Spire Infant and Spire Junior School are co-ordinated.

### 2.7 Fair Access Protocols

There are minor changes to the fair access protocols which reflect the most recent DfE advice and other national and local changes such as:

- DfE advice that children should be admitted within seven calendar days of nomination.
- new school inspection categories.
- the inclusion of children formerly in care who have been adopted.
- reference to education health and care plans.
- reference to the virtual school for children in care.

There are no other changes to the Fair Access Protocols. Copies of the Primary and Secondary Fair Access Protocols are available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

### 2.8 Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme

It is proposed to make no significant changes to the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme other than to bring forward relevant dates into the 2016/17 admission rounds and a new section clarifying the position of schools which decline to participate in in-year co-ordination. A copy of the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme is available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

3. **Other Considerations** In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Prevention of Crime & Disorder, Financial, Equality of Opportunity, Health, Legal & Human Rights, Human Resources, Environmental, Property and Transport Considerations.
4. **Background Papers**
  - 4.1 School Admissions Code (DfE February 2012/December 2014).
  - 4.2 Schools Admissions Appeals Code (DfE December 2011).
  - 4.3 2016/17 Consultation documents.
5. **Key Decision** No.
6. **Call-in** Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in this report?

No.
7. **Acting Strategic Director's Recommendations** The Cabinet Member is asked to approve the proposed changes to the admission arrangements as set out in this report and its Annex.

**Ian Johnson, Acting Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

## **ANNEX 1**

### **Published Admission Numbers for Community and Controlled Schools for 2016/7**

As a result of a review of the accommodation of the schools and the net capacity assessment of the buildings, proposed changes to Published Admission Numbers (PANs) for 2016/7 are as follows –

Woodthorpe Primary	Increase from 14 to 17
Aldercar Infant	Increase from 40 to 50
Melbourne Infant	Increase from 60 to 70
Renishaw Primary	Increase from 24 to 27
Staveley Junior	Reduce from 60 to 45
Dove Holes Primary	Reduce from 20 to 12
Hilltop Infant	Reduce from 50 to 40
Ripley Infant	Increase from 50 to 60

Proposed sixth form PANs are as follows –

Alfreton Grange Arts College	25
Buxton Community School	6
Tupton Hall School	100
Dronfield Henry Fanshawe	5
Eckington School	10
Glossopdale Community School	10
Aldercar Community Language College	20
Wilsthorne Community School	10
Highfields School	20
New Mills Business & Enterprise College	28
Swanwick Hall School	50
Anthony Gell School	30

All other PANs remain as published in the 2015/6 arrangements.