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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services

**SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2019/20
ACADEMIC YEAR – (Young People)**

1. Purpose of Report

To report on the annual consultation and to determine school admission arrangements for the 2019/20 academic year.

2. Information and Analysis

The regulations concerning school admissions (namely, the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012) require that the admission arrangements for the 2019/20 academic year are consulted on before 31st January 2018 and determined by no later than 28th February 2018.

Consultation information was posted on the Derbyshire County Council website from October 2017 setting out the proposed changes to arrangements for the 2019/20 academic year.

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.

The consultation was publicised by schools' extranet, e-mail and by public notices in the local press in October 2017.

The consultation period has now ended and a summary of responses are the following schools requesting a change to their Published Admission Number (PAN) as follows:-

- i) Cromford Primary School PAN reduction from 20 to 12.

This request has been referred to the Schools Development Section who confirms that they are in line with revised net capacity assessments and can be supported. The Development Section has notified local schools of the requests and no comments have been received.

- ii) St Oswalds C.E Primary School Ashbourne has requested a PAN increase from 20 to 30.

The request has been referred to the Schools Development Section who recommends that the PAN is not increased at this time as sufficient accommodation to support the higher admissions number is not yet in place. The Authority (as the admissions body for the school) is able to admit above the PAN in 2019 if additional accommodation is secured by that time. This will be kept under review.

- iii) Ashbourne Hilltop Primary School has requested a PAN increase from 20 to 30.

The request has been referred to the Schools Development Section who recommends that the PAN is not increased at this time as sufficient accommodation to support the higher admissions number is not yet in place. The Authority (as the admissions body for the school) is able to admit above the PAN in 2019 if additional accommodation is secured by that time. This will be kept under review.

There are no changes proposed to the over-subscription criteria for community and controlled schools.

A small area of a housing development is to be included in the normal area of Christ Church CE (Controlled) Primary, having

previously been in the normal area of Abercrombie Community Primary School to avoid the development being split between two normal areas. The development on the former Chesterfield Rugby Club ground created a discrete development of 125 houses. The existing boundary of the normal area divides the estate, leaving 25 houses in the Abercrombie area whilst the remaining 100 are in the normal area of Christchurch. It is logical to provide the same normal area for a development to encourage community spirit. The schools involved and local residents were consulted about this change and no responses were received.

The area covered by phase 1 of a housing development at Radbourne Lane, Mackworth, is to be made into a shared normal area between Kirk Langleigh CE (VC) Primary School and Long Lane CE (Controlled) Primary School. There were no responses to the consultation on this proposal.

A copy of the arrangements is available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school_places/admissions/2019-2020/default.asp

Published Admission Numbers [PANs]

Following consultation, changes to the school Published Admission Numbers (PANs) listed in Annex 1 are recommended. These have all been agreed by the schools.

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

The only school where the PAN is less than the indicated admission number (IAN which is usually the minimum number) is now Spire Junior School. The published number is 50 while the indicated number is 51. This was agreed in 2008/9 following consultation within the community so that the PANs of Spire Infant and Spire Junior School are co-ordinated. No change is proposed this year.

Fair Access Protocols

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

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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 2018/19 admission rounds.

3. Legal Considerations

This report relates to the Local Authority's duty (under Sections 88C and 88D of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and Part 2 of the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012) to consult on and thereafter determine the admission arrangements for maintained schools for which the Authority is the admission authority.

Among the matters to which the consultation must relate is the proposed Published Admission Number for the 'relevant age group' (i.e. the year group to which children are normally admitted, specifically: the Reception Class at a primary or infant school, Year 3 at a junior school and Year 7 at a secondary school) at each of these schools.

All admission authorities (i.e. the Local Authority in the case of community and voluntary controlled schools, the governing body in the case of voluntary aided and foundation schools and the Academy Trust in the case of academies and free schools) are required to determine their admission arrangements on an annual basis by no later than 28 February each year ("the Determination Year"). The arrangements so determined will apply to the next-but-one academic year. For example, arrangements determined by the Authority on (or shortly before) 28 February 2018 will apply to admissions the 2019/20 academic year.

Where changes are proposed to admission arrangements, the admission authority must first publicly consult on those arrangements by 31 January in the Determination Year. If no changes are proposed, they must be consulted on at least every seven years.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Prevention of Crime & Disorder, Equality of Opportunity and Environmental, Financial, Health, Human Resources, Property, Social Value and Transport Considerations.

5. Background Papers

School Admissions Code (DfE December 2014).

Schools Admissions Appeals Code (DfE February 2012).

2018/19 Consultation documents.

Proposed Admission Arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Derbyshire for the 2019/20 academic year.

6. Key Decision

No.

7. Call-in. Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in this report?

No.

8. Strategic Director's Recommendations

That Cabinet approves the proposed changes to the admission arrangements set out in this report and the Annex and determines the admission arrangements appended to this report for the 2019/20 academic year.

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ANNEX 1

Published Admission Numbers for Community and Controlled Schools for 2019/20

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 2019/20 are as follows –

Kilburn Junior	Reduce from 60 to 50
Osmaston CE Primary School	Increase from 15 to 18
Woodville Junior School	Increase from 72 to 85
Riddings Junior School	Increase from 50 to 60
Wilthorpe Community School	Increase from 180 to 210
Cavendish Junior School	Increase from 30 to 34
Cromford Primary School	Reduce from 20 to 12

All other PANs remain as published in the 2018/19 arrangements.