

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

28 February 2019

Report of the Strategic Director for Children’s Services

**SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2020/21
ACADEMIC YEAR – (Young People)**

1. Purpose of Report

To report on the annual consultation, and to seek Cabinet approval for the proposed determined admission arrangements for the academic year 2020/21.

2. Information and Analysis

The regulations concerning school admissions – namely, the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012 and the statutory Department for Education ‘School Admissions Code’ (December 2014) – require that the admission arrangements for the 2020/21 academic year are consulted for a minimum of 6 weeks between 1 October 2018 on before 31 January 2019, and determined by no later than 28 February 2019.

Consultation information was posted on the Derbyshire County Council website from 1 October 2018, setting out the proposed changes to arrangements for the 2020/21 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 and e-mail on 1 October 2018. The consultation period has now ended and there have been no responses.

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

Establishment of a normal area for Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy and reduction of the normal area for Sale and Davys CE (Controlled) Primary School. A new free school, Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy, is currently under construction to serve the Chellaston Fields and Holmleigh residential developments. The developments are currently within the normal area of Sale and Davys CE (Controlled) Primary School. A new normal area is proposed to serve Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy. The map at Annex 1 shows the area that will become Chellaston Fields and which will be removed from Sale and Davys CE (Controlled) Primary School normal area. Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy is due to open in September 2019 but the new arrangements are proposed from 2020 to ensure that provision is available if the delivery of the school is delayed. Co-ordinated admissions arrangements will be in place from 2020.

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

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/admissions/2020-to-2021/school-admission-arrangements-for-2020-to-2021.aspx>

Published Admission Numbers [PANs] Following consultation, changes to the school Published Admission Numbers (PANs) listed in Annex 2 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 admission 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. <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/admissions/2020-to-2021/school-admission-arrangements-for-2020-to-2021.aspx>

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 2020/21 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).

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" and defined by the 'School Admissions Code' as *the school year immediately preceding the offer year. This is the school year in which admission authorities determine their admission arrangements*). 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 2019 will apply to admissions the 2020/21 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).

2019/20 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.

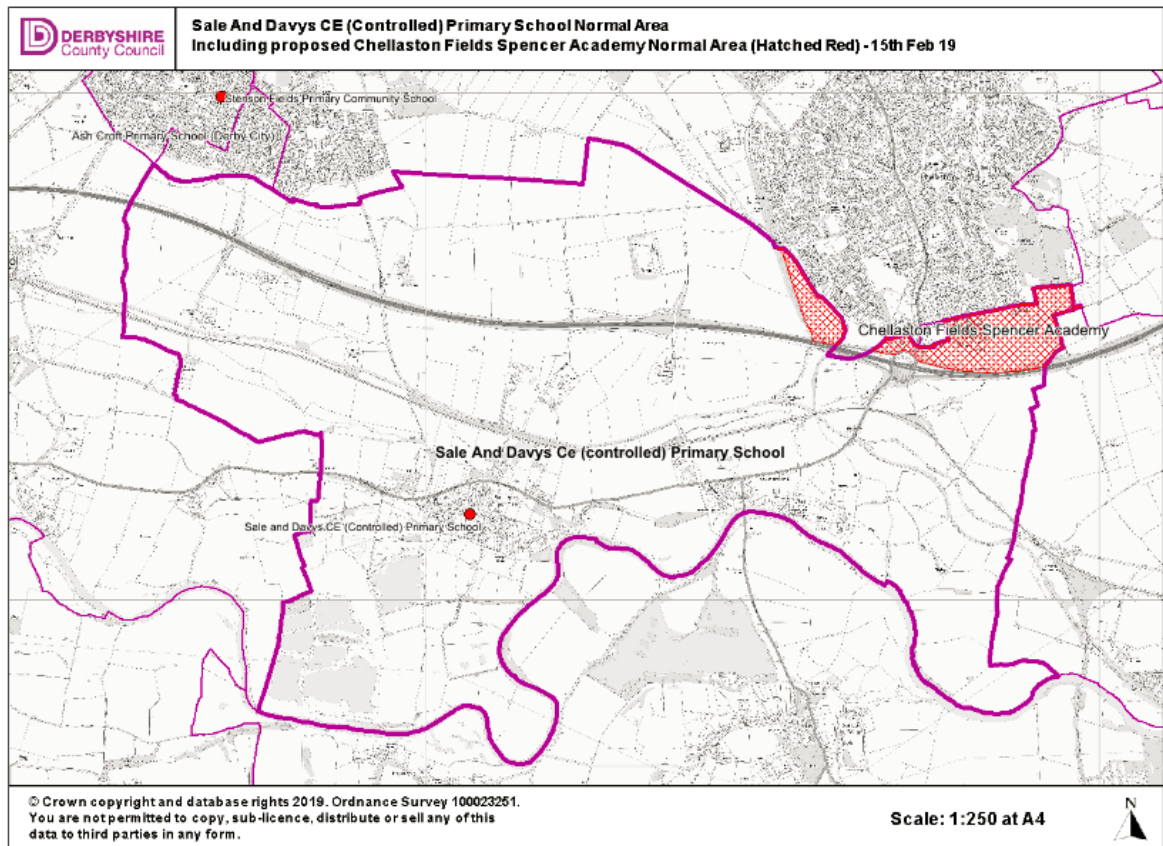
8. Strategic Director's Recommendations

That Cabinet considers the outcome of the consultation and approves the proposed determined admission arrangements for the academic year 2020/2021 which are summarised as the following_

- (i) The new normal area for Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy as detailed in Annex 1
- (ii) The PANs as listed in Annex 2

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Annex 1 – Map of Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy



ANNEX 2

Published Admission Numbers for Community and Controlled Schools for 2020/21

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 2020/21 are as follows –

Thornsett Primary School	20 to 15
Whittington Green School	180 to 160
Wirksworth Infant School	30 to 20
Wirksworth CE (VC) Infant School	30 to 20
Tupton Primary	40 to 30
Charlotte Nursery and Infant School	80 to 90
Cotmanhay Junior School	60 to 70
Creswell Junior School	60 to 80
Hady Primary School	40 to 45
Kirk Langley CE (VC) Primary School	10 to 15
Leys Junior School	45 to 60
Melbourne Junior School	60 to 70
St John's (Belper) CE (VC) Primary and Nursery School	70 to 80
Springwell Community College	170 to 178
Waingroves Primary School	30 to 35

All other PANs remain as published in the 2019/20 arrangements.