

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (People)
to
Cabinet
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Agenda
Item No.

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**School Admissions Arrangements for Community Schools and
the Coordinated Admission Scheme for Academic year 2018/19**
People Scrutiny Committee
Executive Councillor: James Courtenay
A Part 1 (Public) Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To confirm the admission arrangements for community schools for the academic year 2018/19.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet notes the final Admissions Arrangements for Community Schools for the academic year 2018/19**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council has a responsibility to determine in relation to school admissions the Admission Arrangements for Community Schools (admission numbers, admission criteria and catchment areas);
- 3.2 For community schools, the local authority (as the admission authority) **must** consult on the admission arrangements every 7 years if there are no changes. There are no changes proposed for 2018 and therefore the next time we have a duty to consult will be for the arrangements of 2019/20.
- 3.3 For community schools, the local authority (as the admission authority) **must** consult the governing body of each school where it proposes either to increase or keep the same PAN.
- 3.4 Cabinet approved the admission arrangement in September 2016.
- 3.6 Admission arrangements for community school must be determined and included in a composite prospectus by 15th March 2017.

4. Admission Arrangement for 2018/19

4.1 Admission Criteria

- 4.1.1 There are no proposed changes from 2017/18. The final admission criteria for community primary schools for September 2018 are shown in *Appendix 1*.

4.2 Published Admission Numbers

- 4.2.1 There are currently no proposed changes to the Admission Limits from 2017/18. The proposed admission limits for all community primary schools for September 2018 are shown on **Page 2** of the Admission Arrangements for Community Schools at **Appendix 1**.

4.3 Catchment Areas

- 4.3.1 The proposed catchment areas for primary schools for September 2018 are within the Admission Arrangements in Appendix 1. There are no proposed changes from 2018/19.

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities — These arrangements will assist pupils within the Borough to access quality learning opportunities to achieve the best possible outcomes for all children.
- 5.2 Financial Implications — There are no direct financial implications for the Council. The administration of school admissions is funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant.
- 5.3 Legal Implications
The determination of admission arrangements for community schools and the provision of a coordinated admissions scheme is a statutory requirement.
- 5.4 People Implications
None
- 5.5 Property Implications
None
- 5.6 Consultation
The admission arrangements and the coordinated scheme were considered by the Admission Forum at a meeting on 18th June 2015. The forum were in agreement with the proposed changes to the coordinated scheme. Individual Governing Bodies to be consulted as at paragraph 3.3.
- 5.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications
A co-ordinated admissions scheme and clear oversubscription criteria are necessary to ensure fair access to school places.
- 5.8 Risk Assessment
If the Council does not agreed a scheme, one will be imposed by the DfE, and the Council's reputation will suffer.
- 5.9 Value for Money
No direct implications.

5.10 Community Safety Implications
None envisaged.

5.11 Environmental Impact
None envisaged

6. Background Papers

6.1 School Admissions Code 2014 —
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2>
and School Admission Appeals Code 2012 -
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-appeals-code>

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 — Proposed Admissions Arrangements for Community Schools for September 2018 including Published Admission Numbers on Page 2.