

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

14

Report of Director for People to People Scrutiny Committee

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Selective School Places 2014

Executive Councillor: Councillor James Courtenay
A Part 1 Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To update members on the allocation of places to Southend selective schools.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the report be noted.

2.2 That the collection of future information be agreed as set out in 5.1 of the report

3. Background

3.1 The offer of school places to: Southend High School for Boys; Southend High School for Girls; Westcliff High School for Boys; and Westcliff High School for Girls, shows that the 268 pupils offered places living in Southend come from three categories of primary school, as follows:

243 Southend Primary Schools;
5 other local authority schools;
20 independent schools.

3.2 This was a significant increase over the numbers gaining places in the previous year. Of the 608 available spaces at the four schools a further 113 live in the priority admissions area and a further 227 come from outside the priority area. A further analysis of the data is given at **Appendix 1** -The Allocation of Places to Southend Selective Schools 2014.

3.3 An indication that number of Southend pupils has increased is that there is a waiting list of 11 for the priority area for Southend Boys and that is the first time in the past six years. 10 of the pupils on the waiting list live in Southend and all have secured a selective place at a lower preference school.

- 3.4 When comparing figures to the previous year the nearest data set for comparison shows there were 195 pupils in 2013 from Southend schools that got a place at the four selective schools. This led to an initial estimate of an increase of 73 pupils. Further detailed analysis has identified that the 268 figure from 2014 includes those from independent schools and other LA schools, as outlined in paragraph 3.1, which totals 25. This means that the increase in numbers over 2013 would be 48 (an increase of 25%).
- 3.5 Further scrutiny of the figures shows that there are 10 pupils who are included in the Southend primary school figures that do not have an identified primary school and that there are 5 pupils that attend Southend primary schools that do not live in Southend.
- 3.6 The data shows an increase of those taking the test from Southend primary schools rising from 772 in 2013 to 824 (unconfirmed). A detailed breakdown of the those living in Southend and attending a Southend school is given at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.7 In similar comparable data for 2013, 18 schools increased the number gaining a place at a selective school, 2 schools had no change and 9 schools had fewer than the previous year.

4. Comparing data

- 4.1 The data for 2014 admissions to the selective schools is based on offer data held on the Council's admissions system. This is the first year that data has been available at this time.
- 4.2 Admissions to the selective schools for September 2015 will be collected in the same format as this year and a like for like comparison can be made in future years.
- 4.3 It is worth noting that the Council does not hold the data about who has taken the 11+ and even if it were possible to collect through admission applications it would be unreliable. The 11+ test data is only held by the Consortium for Selective Schools in Essex (CSSE) and getting this information relies on the data being shared.

5. Proposals

- 5.1 That the data set for future data collection is as at the secondary offer day, that summarises:
- In what area pupils live;
 - For Southend pupils, what type of school attended;
 - Changes to the numbers gaining a place by primary school;
 - A meeting with CSSE annually to establish the number of pupils taking the selective test.
 - Appendices 1 and 2 gives an indication of how this data would be presented

5.2 Members are asked to agree the above data set for collection in the future so that comparisons can be made at this time of year.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The admission to schools allows pupils within the Borough to access to quality learning opportunities to achieve the best possible outcomes for all children.

6.2 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

6.3 Legal Implications.

Admissions to schools is a statutory duty as outlined in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None.

6.6 Consultation

None

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

Should the numbers of Southend resident pupils passing the eleven plus exceed the quotas set by the four Southend grammar schools then we would recommend the quota be reviewed.

6.8 Risk Assessment

None

6.9 Value for Money

None

6.10 Community Safety Implications

None envisaged.

6.11 Environmental Impact

None envisaged.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 The Allocation of Places to Southend Selective Schools 2014 - Appendix 1.

8.2 Details of Pupils Living in Southend and Attending a Southend School – Appendix 2

Appendix 1 - The Allocation of Places to Southend Selective Schools 2014

2014 - OFFER DATA	A	B	C	D		E	F
SCHOOL NAME	How allocated	PAN	Priority area allocations			Total outside SBC (B-C)	Out of priority area (E-D)
			Living in Southend	SS post code other (A-C)	Attend Primary Schools in Southend		
Southend High School for Boys	125	150	93	32	84	57	25
Southend High School for Boys (Outside Borough)	25						
Southend High School for Girls	93	150	73	20	68	77	57
Southend High School for Girls (Outside Borough)	57						
Westcliff High School for Boys Academy	82	154	58	24	55	96	72
Westcliff High School for Boys Academy (Outside Borough)	72						
Westcliff High School for Girls	81	154	44	37	38	110	73
Westcliff High School for Girls (Outside Borough)	73						
	608	608	268	113	243	340	227
			44%	19%	40%	56%	37%

Appendix 2

Details of Pupils Living in Southend and Attending a Southend School

Southend Schools	Cohort (Jan 14 Census)	Took 11+ (not confirmed)	% of Cohort	Offered Place	% of Cohort
Barons Court Primary	27	22	81.5%	4	14.8%
Blenheim Primary	68	24	35.3%	10	14.7%
Bournemouth Park Primary	60	17	28.3%	1	1.7%
Bournes Green Junior	65	62	95.4%	23	35.4%
Chalkwell Hall Junior	105	58	55.2%	19	18.1%
Darlinghurst Primary and Nursery	51	16	31.4%	3	5.9%
Earls Hall Junior	86	46	53.5%	14	16.3%
Eastwood Primary	32	5	15.6%	1	3.1%
Edwards Hall Primary	56	15	26.8%	3	5.4%
Fairways Primary	57	19	33.3%	2	3.5%
Friars Primary & Nursery	56	23	41.1%	1	1.8%
Hamstel Junior	115	50	43.5%	8	7.0%
Heycroft Primary	60	18	30.0%	8	13.3%
Hinguar Community Primary	29	12	41.4%	1	3.4%
Leigh North Street Junior	90	33	36.7%	16	17.8%
Milton Hall Primary	59	16	27.1%	7	11.9%
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary	61	30	49.2%	15	24.6%
Porters Grange Primary and Nursery	51	22	43.1%	2	3.9%
Prince Avenue Primary and Nursery	50	17	34.0%	3	6.0%
Richmond Avenue Primary	27	11	40.7%	1	3.7%
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary and Nursery	29	16	55.2%	2	6.9%
St George's Catholic Primary	29	16	55.2%	3	10.3%
St Helen's Catholic Primary	30	14	46.7%	2	6.7%
St Mary's Prittlewell CofE Primary	58	33	56.9%	5	8.6%
Temple Sutton Primary	83	34	41.0%	10	12.0%
The Westborough Primary and Nursery	61	23	37.7%	7	11.5%
Thorpe Greenways Junior	121	64	52.9%	12	9.9%
Thorpedene Junior	62	18	29.0%	3	4.8%
West Leigh Junior	128	90	70.3%	47	36.7%