

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director of Children & Learning  
to  
**Children & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee**  
on  
**28<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

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**School Admissions Arrangements for Community Schools 2014/15**  
**Executive Councillor: Councillor James Courtenay**  
***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To report the outcome of consultations with schools on the school admission arrangements and the proposed recommendations to Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 **That the Committee's views are sought.**

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Children and Learning Scrutiny Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 considered the Cabinet report of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 on the School Admission Arrangements for Community Schools.
- 3.2 The proposed published admission numbers were sent to community schools and the closing date for any comments was 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013. The only changes to the agreed published admission numbers from September 2013 to September 2014 are proposals to increase Thorpe Greenways Infant School from 120 to 150 and Darlington Primary School from 90 to 120. For all other community schools the published admission number (PAN) remains unchanged from 2013/14.
- 3.3 The Governing Body of the Federation of Greenways Schools confirmed agreement to an increase to 150 subject to the provision of additional accommodation. There has been no specific comment from the Governing Body of Darlington Primary School although an initial agreement of the Governing Body, through the Headteacher in October 2012, with officers was also subject to accommodation issues. Capital funding for additional accommodation at both schools is identified in the draft capital budget for 2013/14 elsewhere in the agenda.
- 3.4 No other comments were received from Community schools by the closing date. A list of the proposed PAN's for community schools for 2014/15 is in Appendix 1.
- 3.6 Academy, Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools are responsible for determining their own admission arrangements and admission numbers.

Changes in regulations only require consultation if there have been changes in arrangements from the previous year or once every seven years. The consultation period ends on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and determination of the arrangements by schools has to be made by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

- 3.7 Cecil Jones are proposing to reduce the PAN from 280 to 190 and at the time of writing there have not been any other proposed changes to published admission numbers. A list of the determined PAN for 2013 for Academy, Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools is attached at Appendix 2 for information.
- 3.8 It is proposed to recommend the published admission numbers for community schools as set out in Appendix 1 to Cabinet for approval.

## **5. Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities – These arrangements will assist pupils within the Borough to access to quality learning opportunities to achieve the best possible outcomes for all children.
- 5.2 Financial Implications – Capital funds to expand at Thorpe Greenways and Darlington schools are identified in the Draft Capital Programme 2013/14 elsewhere in the agenda. There are no direct revenue 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 co-ordinated admissions scheme is a statutory requirement.
- 5.4 People Implications  
None
- 5.5 Property Implications  
None
- 5.6 Consultation  
Extensive consultation and consideration has taken place with: Admission Forum on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012; Cabinet on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012; Children and Learning Scrutiny Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and individual Governing Bodies of schools.
- 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 Children and Learning Scrutiny Committee 26<sup>th</sup> November 2012 – “Item Called in from Cabinet minutes of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012”

<http://apps.southend.gov.uk/minutes/>

### 6. Appendices

#### 6.1 **Appendix 1** – Proposed Published Admissions Numbers for Community Schools 2014/15.

#### 6.2 **Appendix 2** -.Published Admission Numbers 2013 for Other Admission Authority Schools

## Published Admission Numbers

<b>Community Primary Schools</b>	<b>Proposed admission limit for 2014/15</b>
Barons Court Primary School & Nursery	30
Blenheim Primary School, School Way	90
Bournemouth Park Primary School	90
Bournes Green Infant School	60
Bournes Green Junior School	66
Chalkwell Hall Infant School	105
Chalkwell Hall Junior School	105
Darlinghurst Primary & Nursery School	120
Earls Hall Infant School	90
Earls Hall Junior School	90
Edwards Hall Primary School	60
Fairways Primary School	60
Friars Primary School & Nursery	60
Hamstel Infant School	150
Hamstel Junior School	120
Heycroft Primary School	60
Hinguar Community Primary School	30
Leigh Infant School	90
Leigh North Street Junior	90
Porters Grange Primary School & Nursery	90
Richmond Primary School	60
Temple Sutton Primary School	120
Federation of Greenways Schools -Thorpe Greenways Infant School	150
Federation of Greenways Schools -Thorpe Greenways Junior School	120
West Leigh Infant School	120
West Leigh Junior School	128

## Appendix 2

### Published Admission Numbers 2013 for Other Admission Authority Schools

School Name	PAN 2013	Status
Eastwood Primary School	60	Foundation
Milton Hall Primary School	90	Foundation
Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Primary School	60	Voluntary Aided
Prince Avenue Primary Foundation School & Nursery	60	Foundation
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery	30	Voluntary Aided
St Georges RC Primary School	30	Voluntary Aided
St Helens RC Primary School	30	Voluntary Aided
St Marys Prittlewell Church of England Primary School	90	Voluntary Aided
The Westborough Primary School & Nursery	90	Academy
Thorpedene Primary School	90	Foundation
Belfairs High School	232	Academy
Cecil Jones College	280	Foundation
Chase High School	196	Foundation
Futures Community College	168	Foundation
St Bernard's High School & Arts College	145	Academy
St Thomas More High School	150	Academy
Shoeburyness High School	280	Academy
Southend High School for Boys	150	Academy
Southend High School for Girls	150	Academy
The Eastwood School	168	Academy
Westcliff High School for Boys	154	Academy
Westcliff High School for Girls	154	Academy