

From: **Matt Dunkley, Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education**

To: **Shellina Prendergast, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills**

Subject: **Proposed Co-ordinated Schemes for Primary and Secondary Schools in Kent and Admission Arrangements for Primary and Secondary Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2023/24**

Decision Number: **21/00112**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Past Pathway of Paper: **Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee – 11 January 2022**

Future Pathway of Paper: **Cabinet Member Decision**

Electoral Division: All

**Summary:**

Cabinet Member is asked to accept and determine the co-ordinated schemes for Primary & Secondary Admissions in Kent, the In-Year Admission process for Primary & Secondary schools in Kent and the admission arrangements for the 2022/23 school year.

**Recommendations:**

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills is asked to take the decision to DETERMINE:

- a) The Coordinated Primary Admissions Scheme 2023/24 incorporating the In Year admissions process and relevant statutory consultation areas for Kent Infant, Junior and Primary Schools as detailed in Appendix A
- b) The Co-ordinated Secondary Admissions Scheme 2023/24 incorporating the In Year admissions process and relevant statutory consultation areas for Kent Secondary Schools as detailed in Appendix B
- c) The oversubscription criteria and Published Admissions Number relating to Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant, Junior and Primary Schools in Kent 2023/24 as detailed in Appendix C
- d) The oversubscription criteria and Published Admissions Number relating to Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools in Kent 2023/24 as detailed in Appendix D

**1. Background**

1.1 The Local Authority, as the admissions authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, is required to determine its admission arrangements for these schools by 28 February each year, even if no changes are proposed.

1.2 Local Authorities are also required to determine an Admissions scheme for schools within their geographical boundaries, which details how the co-ordinated and in year admissions processes will operate for the forthcoming year.

1.3 All admission arrangements identified in this document are outside the arrangements for pupils with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP).

## **2. Summary**

2.1 The Admissions Code makes clear that where a Local Authority's proposed scheme is substantially different from the scheme adopted for the previous academic year, they must consult the other admission authorities in the area and any other local authorities it determines. Similarly, Admission Authorities are required to hold a public consultation where they intend to change the admissions arrangements for one of their schools. Where the scheme or admission arrangements have not changed from the previous year there is no requirement to consult, subject to the requirement that the local authority must consult on the scheme and arrangements at least once every seven years, even if there have been no changes during that period.

2.2 The Admissions Schemes for Primary and Secondary school intake for 2023/24 remain unchanged, other than minor date adjustments to accommodate the new calendar year. Area Education Officers liaised with Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in their areas, but no adjustments to admission arrangements were identified as necessary. As a result, no formal consultations were required, however, the scheme and arrangements must still be determined to fulfil KCC's legal duties.

2.3 Education Cabinet Committee is therefore requested to comment on and inform the forthcoming Cabinet Member decision to agree the Co-ordinated scheme for Admissions to Primary and Secondary schools in Kent for 2022/23 and determine the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools.

## **3. Recommendations:**

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**Background documents**

Appendix A - Coordinated Primary Admissions Scheme 2023/24 (including relevant statutory consultation areas)

Appendix B - Coordinated Secondary Admissions Scheme 2023/24 (including relevant statutory consultation areas)

Appendix C – Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2023/24 (including oversubscription criteria and published admission numbers)

Appendix D – Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools 2023/24 (including oversubscription criteria and published admission numbers)

Appendix E – Scheme Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix F – Admission Arrangements Equality Impact Assessment