

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

**Rory Love, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills**

**DECISION NO:**

Unrestricted

Key decision: **YES**

**Subject:** Proposed coordinated schemes for primary and secondary schools in Kent and admission arrangements for infant, junior and primary and secondary community and voluntary controlled schools 2024/25

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, I **determine:**

- a) The Coordinated Primary Admissions Scheme 2024/25 incorporating the In Year admissions process as detailed in Appendix A
- b) The Co-ordinated Secondary Admissions Scheme 2024/25 incorporating the In Year admissions process and the provision of Kent Test and related materials as detailed in Appendix B
- c) The oversubscription criteria relating to Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant, Junior and Primary Schools in Kent 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix C (1)
- d) The oversubscription criteria relating to Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools in Kent 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix D (1)
- e) The Published Admissions Number for Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2024/25 as set out in Appendix C (2)
- f) The Published Admissions Number for Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools 2024/25 as set out in Appendix D (2)
- g) The relevant statutory consultation areas for Kent Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix A (2) and the relevant statutory consultation areas for Kent Secondary Schools 2024/25 as set out in Appendix B (2)

**Reason(s) for decision:**

The Local Authority (LA), 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.

The Education Act 2002 includes a duty on each LA, to formulate a scheme to co-ordinate admission arrangements for all maintained schools in its area and to take action to secure the agreement to the scheme by all admission authorities. CYPE Cabinet Committee is requested to comment and inform the forthcoming Cabinet Member decision to agree the Co-ordinated scheme for Admissions to Infant, Junior and Primary and Secondary schools in Kent for 2024/25 and determine the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools.

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

KCC has consulted the Headteachers and Governors of all Kent Infant, Junior, Primary and Secondary schools; the neighbouring LAs and diocesan bodies on its scheme proposals to co-ordinate admissions to all Kent Infant, Junior, Primary and Secondary schools in September 2024. Admissions authorities have been advised that non-response to the consultation, constitutes full acceptance to the proposals.

KCC has consulted with Parents of children age 2 to 18, admission authorities, school governing bodies, school staff members, neighbouring LA and any other interested party that wished to respond on its admission arrangements for the proposed reduction in PAN for West Minster Primary School (from 90 to 60) and Churchill CoE Primary School (from 60 to 30).

### **Equality Implications**

Reviewed Equalities Impact Assessments were considered as part of this process

### **Financial Implications**

Following the outcomes of the consultation there may be changes to school provision in identified areas in order to fulfil the intent of the admissions schemes and arrangements. The costs to this provision will be identified in the subsequent reports that will be considered by Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee where necessary. There is an annual cost for the provision of Kent test materials in the region of £150-200k in line with provider contracts, which in turn are finalised through competitive tender in conjunction with Commissioning colleagues.

### **Legal Implications**

The Education Act 2002 includes a duty on each LA, to formulate a scheme to co-ordinate admission arrangements for all maintained schools in its area and to take action to secure the agreement to the scheme by all admission authorities

### **Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

This will be considered at the meeting of CYPE Cabinet Committee on 17 January 2023

### **Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

The Education Act 2002 includes a duty on each LA, to formulate a scheme to co-ordinate admission arrangements for all maintained schools in its area and to take action to secure the agreement to the scheme by all admission authorities. All Admissions Authorities within Kent agreed to the proposed Co-ordinated Primary and Secondary Admissions Scheme for 2024/25. No Infant, Junior or Primary, secondary schools or Academies have refused to accept the scheme.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:** None

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