

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education

DECISION NO:

18/00069

Unrestricted

Key decision: YES

Agree 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 2020/21

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 2020/21

Decision:

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

- a) The Coordinated Primary Admissions Scheme 2020/21 incorporating the In-Year admissions process as detailed in Appendix 2A
- b) The Co-ordinated Secondary Admissions Scheme 2020/21 incorporating the In-Year admissions process as detailed in Appendix 2B
- c) The oversubscription criteria relating to Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant, Junior and Primary Schools in Kent 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 2C (1)
- d) The oversubscription criteria relating to Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools in Kent 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 2D (1)
- e) The Published Admissions Number for Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 2C (2)
- f) The Published Admissions Number for Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 2D (2)
- g) The relevant statutory consultation areas for Kent Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 2C (3) and the relevant statutory consultation areas for Kent Secondary Schools 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 2D (3)

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 2020/21 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 2020. 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 LAs, faith organisations associated with schools and any other interested party that wished to respond on its proposed admission arrangements for Infant, Junior and Primary and Secondary Community and Voluntary Controlled schools.

Equality Implications

A fully Equalities Impact Assessment was carried out as part of this process

https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/School_Admission_Arrangements/consultationHome

Financial Implications

All implications were included in the report to CYPE Cabinet Committee on 11 January 2019

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:

At its meeting on 11 January 2019, the committee debated the following decision 18/00069 - 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 2020/21

Mr Bagshaw (Head of Fair Access) was in attendance for this item.

1. Mr Bagshaw introduced the report which set out information relating to the outcome of the consultations on the proposed admissions arrangements for infant, junior and primary and secondary community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed scheme for transfer to infant, primary, junior and secondary schools in September 2020 including the proposed process for non-coordinated In-Year Admissions.

Mr Bagshaw then responded to comments and questions from Members, including the following: -

- a) Mr Bagshaw confirmed that further information relating to adopted children from outside of England would be circulated to Members of the Committee outside of the meeting.
 - b) Mr Bagshaw referred to future legislative changes to the school admissions code and said that legislative changes would need to be presented for debate before Parliament.
2. **RESOLVED** that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, to determine:
 - a) The Coordinated Primary Admissions Scheme 2020/21 incorporating the In-Year admissions process as detailed in Appendix 2A;
 - b) The Co-ordinated Secondary Admissions Scheme 2020/21 incorporating the In-Year admissions process as detailed in Appendix 2B;

- c) The oversubscription criteria relating to Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant, Junior and Primary Schools in Kent 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 2C (1);
- d) The oversubscription criteria relating to Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools in Kent 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 2D (1);
- e) The Published Admissions Number for Community and Voluntary Controlled Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 2C (2);
- f) The Published Admissions Number for Community and Voluntary Controlled Secondary Schools 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 2D (2); and
- g) The relevant statutory consultation areas for Kent Infant, Junior and Primary Schools 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 2C (3) and the relevant statutory consultation areas for Kent Secondary Schools 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 2D,

be endorsed.

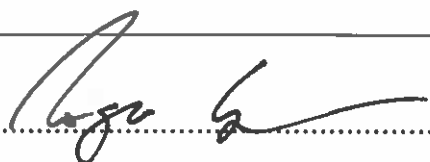
Any alternatives considered and rejected:

The LA consultation for the admission scheme ran from 2 November 2018 until 14 December 2018 and considered the following aspects:

- a) The Primary Co-ordinated Admission Scheme including the In-Year admissions process for 2020/21;
- b) The Secondary Co-ordinated Admission Scheme including the In-Year admissions process for 2020/21

The outcome of this consultation were reported to CYPE Cabinet Committee on 11 January 2019.

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

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signed

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24 January 2019

date

