



EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28TH FEBRUARY 2013

**SUBJECT: CONSULTATION – PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS
2014/2015**

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consult Members on the proposed changes to the Schools Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2014/2015.
- 1.2 To give Scrutiny Members the opportunity to comment on proposals as part of the consultation process before recommendations are considered by Cabinet at its meeting 19th March 2013.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 Ensuring that the Authority's Admission Arrangements are reviewed to meet the needs of schools and the Authority and comply with relevant legislation.

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 Members will recall that they are consulted annually regarding the proposed Admission Arrangements. The only significant changes proposed for 2014/15 relates to the closing date for Waiting Lists, which has now been extended until the 30th September 2013. The previous closing date was the 31st August.
- 3.2 The consultation process has been taking place over the last couple of months and ends on 1 March in accordance with the Code. Consultees have included all Headteachers, all Chairs of Governors and all neighbouring LAs, as well as CCBC's Admission Forum and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 In accordance with paragraph 2.10 of the Code, the admission arrangements must be determined by 15 April and will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 19th March 2013.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Admission Arrangements for 2014-2015 have been assessed and no negative impact has been identified. The arrangements note compliance with current Equalities, Human Rights and Welsh Language legislation.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Admission Forum meets termly to review all Admission arrangements and procedures.

7.2 Other consultees are as outlined below and in the report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Members are asked to consider the report and provide any comments as part of the consultation process.

9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 To ensure agreed changes are implemented for September 2014.

10. STATUTORY POWER

10.1 The School Admissions Code (2009) and Schools Admissions Appeal Code (2009).

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Neighbouring LAs

Appendices:
Appendix 1: Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2014/15