



EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 24TH FEBRUARY 2015

**SUBJECT: CONSULTATION – PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS
 2016/2017**

REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consult Members on the proposed changes to the schools admission arrangements for the academic year 2016/2017.
- 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 on 1 April 2015.

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 2016/17 relates to Secondary School Rationalisation Phase 1 – Islwyn West (Page 10 of the attached admission arrangements).
- 3.2 The consultation process has been taking place over the last couple of months and ends on 1st March in accordance with the school admissions Code. Consultees have included all Headteachers, all Chairs of Governors and all neighbouring LA's, 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 1 April 2015.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The admission arrangements for 2016/17 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 as stated 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 the 2016/17 academic year.

10. STATUTORY POWER

10.1 The School Admissions Code (2013) and Schools Admissions Appeal Code (2013).

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Appendices:

Appendix: Proposed Admission Arrangements For 2016/17