

CABINET – 19TH MARCH 2013

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2014/15

REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To determine the school admission arrangements for the academic year 2014/15.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The Authority is required to carry out an annual consultation of its proposed Admission Arrangements. The only significant change proposed for the 2014/15 academic year relates to the closing dates for waiting lists, which has now been extended until the 30th September 2014. The previous closing date was the 31st August.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

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

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Education for Life Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the 28th February 2013 on the proposed changes to the Schools Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2014/15. These are detailed in the Appendix.
- 4.2 Scrutiny Committee agreed the proposed changes contained in the report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 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.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The Admission Forum meets every term to review all Admission arrangements and procedures.
- 8.2 Other consultees are as outlined below and in the report. All comments have been reflected in the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Cabinet are recommended to approve the proposed changes to the Schools Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2014/15 as outlined in the Appendix.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To ensure the agreed changes are implemented for September 2014 in accordance with and by the determination date of the 15th April 2013 set out in the Welsh Government Schools Admissions Code.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 The School Admissions and Appeal Codes 2009 issued by the Welsh Government School Standards and Framework Act 1998 & subsequent legislation and regulations.
- 11.2 This is a Cabinet function.

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Appendix: Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2014/15