



CABINET – 2ND APRIL 2014

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2015/2016

REPORT BY: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To determine the School Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2015/16.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The Authority is required to carry out an annual consultation of its proposed Admission Arrangements. The only significant changes proposed for 2015/16 relates to Secondary School Rationalisation Phase 1 – Islwyn West (Page 11 of the attached Admission Arrangements).

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

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

4. THE REPORT

4.1 The Education for Life Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the 6th March 2014 on the proposed changes to the Schools Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2015/16.

4.2 Scrutiny Committee recommended that Cabinet should approve the proposed changes to the arrangements.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Admission Arrangements for 2015-16 have been assessed and no negative impact has been identified. The arrangements note compliance with current Equalities, Human Rights and the Welsh Language legislation.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 The School 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 2015/16 as outlined in the Appendix.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To ensure agreed changes are implemented for September 2015 in accordance with and by the determination date of the 15th April 2014 set out in the Welsh Government Schools Admission Code.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 The School Admissions Code (2013) and Schools Admissions Appeal Code (2013).
- 11.2 This is a Cabinet function.

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Appendix. Admission Arrangements 2015/16