



## **EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14TH JANUARY 2014**

**SUBJECT:       CONSULTATION – PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS  
                  2015/2016**

**REPORT BY:    ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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### **1.       PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1    To consult Members on the proposed changes to the Schools Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2015/2016.
- 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 5th February 2014.

### **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 2015/16 relates to Secondary School Rationalisation (Page 11 of Appendix 1).
- 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 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 15th April and will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on .

### **4.       EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1    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 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 2015.

## **10. STATUTORY POWER**

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

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2015/16