



CABINET – 30TH MARCH 2016

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2017/2018

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 1.1 The attached report was considered by the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee on the 23rd February 2016 as part of the consultation process on the Schools Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2017/2018.
- 1.2 Members are consulted annually regarding the proposed Admission Arrangements and it was noted that there were no proposed changes to the Admission Arrangements for 2017/18 as attached in Appendix 1 of the scrutiny report.
- 1.3 Members noted the extent of the consultation which included all Headteachers, all Chairs of Governors and all neighbouring local authorities as well as Caerphilly County Borough Council's Admission Forum.
- 1.4 Having considered the report and the proposed admission arrangements for 2017/18, Members expressed concern with regard to the impact of future residential building developments on school places and how this could be mitigated going forward. Officers confirmed that they worked closely with Planning Officers over three time bands on the short, medium and long term implications of new developments on schools to estimate the effect and identify any necessary capital funding required from developers in order to meet this need.
- 1.5 Members also expressed concern that capacity was estimated on a whole school rather than individual year group basis which could potentially equate to overprescribed year group places within a school that has overall capacity. Officers confirmed that capacity had been increased in certain schools for this reason and advised that this was an issue throughout the borough. However in terms of new developments, educational needs are considered as part of the planning process and funding for additional accommodation or if necessary a new school agreed with developers at the application stage.
- 1.6 Cabinet are asked to consider the comments of the Education for Life Scrutiny Committee as part of the consultation process.

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Appendix 1 The Education for Life Scrutiny Committee Report dated 23rd February 2016.