

## EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 23RD FEBRUARY 2016

# SUBJECT: CONSULTATION – PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2017/2018

### **REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consult Members on the proposed changes to the Schools Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2017/2018.
- 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 1 April 2016.

#### 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. There are no proposed changes to the attached Admission Arrangements for 2017/18.
- 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 LAs, 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 30 March 2016.

#### 4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Admission Arrangements for 2017/18 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 2017.

#### 10. STATUTORY POWER

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

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Appendix: Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2017/18