



EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 27TH FEBRUARY 2017

**SUBJECT: CONSULTATION – PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS
 2018/2019**

REPORT BY: CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consult Members on the proposed changes to the Schools Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2018/2019.
- 1.2 To give Scrutiny Members the opportunity to comment on proposals as part of the consultation process before recommendations are considered by Cabinet.

2. SUMMARY

- 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. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The report contributes to the Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2016. In particular, as follows:
 - A healthier Wales, supporting learners can improve their well-being and add educational achievement.
 - A more equal Wales, a society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background is; and.
 - A Wales of cohesive communities (in the context of improving quality of life with attractive, viable, safe and well connected communities).

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Members will recall that they are consulted annually regarding the proposed Admission Arrangements. There are no proposed changes to the attached Admission Arrangements for 2018/19.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 In accordance with paragraph 2.10 of the Code, the admission arrangements must be determined by 15 April and will be considered by Cabinet.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Admission Arrangements for 2018/19 have been assessed and no negative impact has been identified. The arrangements note compliance with current Equalities, Human Rights and Welsh Language legislation.

6. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 6.1 The report contributes to the 5 ways of working in the context of a long term strategy and vision, integration approach (more closely aligning communities) and collaborating to meet the objectives.
- 6.2 This report contributes to the Well-being Goals (as noted in 3.1) and in particular in the context of:
- Corporate planning,
 - Risk management,
 - Workforce planning,
 - Financial planning, and
 - Asset management.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 None.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 The Admission Forum meets termly to review all Admission arrangements and procedures.
- 9.2 Other consultees are as outlined below and in the report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Members are asked to consider the report and provide any comments as part of the consultation process before recommendations are considered by Cabinet.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 To ensure agreed changes are implemented for September 2018.

12. STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 The School Admissions Code (2013) and Schools Admissions Appeal Code (2013).

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Appendices:

Appendix1 - Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2018/19