

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Consultation on proposed admission arrangements for the 2020/21 school year for city community schools
Total Value:	£2000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To consult on the Local Authority's proposed 2020/21 admission arrangements for community schools, which include two minor changes to the 2019/20 arrangements. The first change is to give clarity as to when a child is considered to have a sibling at the school concerned and the second is to update the definition of siblings to include a stepbrother or stepsister where two children are related by a parent's civil partnership as well as by a parent's marriage.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	All admission authorities must determine their admission arrangements by 28 February each year. Where the arrangements contain changes to the previous year's arrangements, the admission authority must publicly consult on those arrangements.
Briefing notes documents:	2018.06.29 - Briefing paper for PFH.doc, Equality Impact Assessment.pdf
Other Options Considered:	Consultation was the only option considered as admission authorities must publicly consult on admission arrangements by law.
Background Papers:	None

Published Works:	<p>School Admissions Code 2014. The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2014.</p> <p>Report to Executive Board on 20.02.18 setting out the proposed school admission arrangements for the 2019/20 school year.</p>
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	
Consultations:	The delegated decision is a proposal to commence consultation on the proposed changes to admission arrangements
Crime and Disorder Implications:	Admission arrangements are set to enable all school age children to access a suitable school place at the appropriate time, as far as possible according to their parents' preference, so that they are not vulnerable to crime and disorder.
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA.doc
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	22/08/2018
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Human Resources, Equality and Diversity
Legal Advice:	<p>Please see the attached. Advice provided by Jonathan Ludford-Thomas (Senior Solicitor) on 04/07/2018.</p> <p>Advice documents: 2018-07-04 Briefing paper for PFH legal imps.pdf</p>
Finance Advice:	<p>There are no cost implications as a result of keeping the admission arrangements for 2020/21 broadly the same as those for 2019/20.</p> <p>The funding for the Admissions service is funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant. This budget allocation was approved by Schools Forum for 2018/19 on 9 November 2017 and was taken to the City Council's Executive Board for approval on 20 February 2018 as part of the 2018/19 budget setting process.</p> <p>Advice provided by Julia Elizabeth Holmes (Finance Analyst) on 18/07/2018.</p>

**Equality and Diversity
Advice:**

The proposed changes to the admissions arrangements are not expected to adversely affect children or families with protected characteristics as set out in equality legislation. There may be a opportunity to advance equality for children with parents who are married or in a civil partnership who may have children from previous relationships. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) should also be in place to ensure that the schools admissions process fully considers the impact on children with special educational needs, child carers, and looked after children. The EIA should also be updated following the planned consultation activity. Advice provided by Imogeen Denton (Senior Equality Specialist) on 20/07/2018.

HR Advice:

There are no HR staffing implications for the proposed changes. Advice provided by Carol McCrone (HR Consultant) on 03/07/2018.

Signatures

Neghat Khan (Portfolio Holder for Education & Skills)
SIGNED and Dated: 15/08/2018
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 06/08/2018