

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Proposed admission arrangements for 2021/22 school year for city community schools
Total Value:	£0.0 (Type: Nil)
Decision Being Taken:	For the local to authority consult on its proposed admission arrangements for 2021/22 for community schools, which includes two changes to the 2020/21 arrangements. The first change is to reduce the number of preferences parents/carers can make for a primary school place from 6 to 4 due to the increased availability of primary places across the City and the second change is to amend the catchment areas of Fernwood Primary and Middleton Primary to re-balance the size of the catchment areas to provide rational distribution of places and to maximise the number of pupils accessing a place at their catchment school.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	All admission authorities must determine their admission arrangements by 28 February each year. Where arrangements contain changes to the previous year's arrangements, the admission authority must publicly consult on those arrangements.
Briefing notes documents:	Appendix 2 - Admission arrangements 2021.22.pdf, Appendix 1 Wollaton catchment review.pdf, Appendix 3 - Admission Numbers 2021.22.pdf, Appendix 4 - Catchment areas.pdf, Appendix 6 - Fair Access Protocol.pdf, BRIEFING PAPER FOR PORTFOLIO HOLDER 2019.08.06.docx, Appendix 5 - Draft timetable for co-ordinated admissions process 2021.22.pdf
Other Options Considered:	With the exception of the two proposed changes for 2021/22, no other options other than continuing with the 2020/21 arrangements were considered. If no changes were being proposed for 2021/22, the local authority would not need to publicly consult on its arrangements. See reasons in briefing paper for Portfolio Holder.
Background Papers:	None

Published Works:	School Admissions Code 2014. The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2014. Report to Executive Board on 19.02.19 setting out the proposed school admission arrangements for the 2020/21 school year.
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 parent/carers' preference, so that they are not vulnerable to crime and disorder.
Equality:	Please login to the system to view the EIA document: EIA_JK_comments.docx
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	11/09/2019
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity
Legal Advice:	Please see the attached. Advice provided by Jonathan Ludford-Thomas (Senior Solicitor) on 07/08/2019.
	Advice documents: 2019-08-07 Briefing paper for PFH legal imps.pdf

Finance Advice:

There are no cost implications as a result of the proposed changes to amend the admissions arrangements for the academic year 2021/22. The proposed amendments to the admission arrangements for 2021/22 include:

- 1) the number of preferences that parents can make under the primary co-ordinated scheme from 6 to 4;**
- 2) the catchment areas of Fernwood Primary School and Middleton Primary School to ensure provision for future pupils residing in the proposed new 110 dwelling development on Woodyard Lane.**

Other than the proposed changed noted above the admission arrangements for 2021/22 will remain the same as those for 2020/21.

The funding of the Admission service is funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant. This budget allocation was approved by Schools Forum for the financial year 2019/20 on 9 October 2018 and was taken to the Executive Board for approval on 12 February 2019 as part of the budget setting process. Advice provided by Julia Elizabeth Holmes (Finance Analyst) on 20/08/2019.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

Advice sought from Equality and Diversity Team and included within the attached EIA Advice provided by Phil Wye (Governance Officer) on 29/08/2019.

Signatures

Neghat Khan (PH Early Years, Education and Employment)
SIGNED and Dated: 04/09/2019
Alison Michalska (Corporate Director for Children and Adults)
SIGNED and Dated: 29/08/2019