

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has been included in the relevant Forward Plan

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CHILDREN'S SERVICES) TO CABINET

Co-ordinated Scheme for the Admission of Pupils to Primary and Secondary Schools 2022-2023

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the co-ordinated scheme for admission to primary and secondary schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the proposed scheme be approved in order to ensure compliance with legislation.**

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 The Council is the admissions authority for all maintained community and voluntary controlled schools within the Borough.
- 3.2 Co-ordination of admission schemes between different admission authorities is a statutory requirement on the local authority and is a mechanism for ensuring the single offer of a school place on the same day where a parent has completed a common application form.
- 3.3 A report is submitted to Cabinet on an annual basis to approve the coordination of admission arrangements for the admission year.

4. PROPOSAL AND JUSTIFICATION

- 4.1 The draft scheme is fully compliant with the requirements of the School Admissions legislation which sets out the statutory duties of the Local Authority.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

- 5.1 Not applicable to the statutory duty to determine a co-ordinated scheme for admission to primary and secondary schools.

6. IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE/SERVICE USERS

- 6.1 There are no specific area implications arising from this report. The scheme provides a consistency of approach across Barnsley and ensures compliance with appropriate legislation.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

8. EMPLOYEE IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report and the scheme is fully compliant with legislation, ensuring that the Council is meeting obligations in relation to statutory requirements.

10. CUSTOMER AND DIGITAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

11. COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There no implications arising from this report.

12. CONSULTATIONS

- 12.1 Consultation has been carried out in accordance with statutory requirements.

13. THE CORPORATE PLAN AND THE COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

- 13.1 Compliant with all requirements.

14. PROMOTING EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

- 14.1 The proposed policy complies with legislation and is fair and transparent across the Borough for all service users.

15. TACKLING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY

- 15.1 Not applicable to this report.

16. TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES

- 16.1 Not applicable to this report.

17. REDUCTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

17.1 Not applicable to this report.

18. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

18.1 The proposed scheme is fully compliant with the School Admissions Code and legislation.

18.2 Failure by the Authority to comply with the requirements of the legislation would be a breach of the Authority's statutory duty. Failure to comply may result in an objection being made to the Schools Adjudicator or a complaint to the Secretary of State.

19. HEALTH, SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESILIENCE ISSUES

19.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

20. COMPATIBILITY WITH THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

20.1 The scheme is compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights and helps fulfil the right to education within the Convention.

21. CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY

21.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

22. GLOSSARY

None

23. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Co-ordinated Scheme for the admission arrangements of pupils to primary and secondary schools (2022/23)

24. BACKGROUND PAPERS

School Admissions Code 2014

Draft Co-ordinated Scheme for Primary and Secondary Schools 2022-2023

Section 89 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as amended
Schedule 4 to the Education Act 2002

The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012

The Education (Relevant Areas for Consultation on Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999.

Admission to School - Advice to Parents Booklets 2021-2022

Background papers can be inspected by contacting the School Admissions Section, Directorate People.

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

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Financial Implications/Consultation



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*(To be signed by senior Financial Services officer
where there are no financial implications)*