

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Determination of Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2014-15
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	18 March 2013
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2613

Purpose of Report: To review and approve the Council's Admission Arrangements & Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for 2014-15.

Recommended Action: To determine the West Berkshire Council Admission Arrangements & Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for 2014-15.

Reason for decision to be taken: Statutory requirement

Other options considered: None

Key background documentation: West Berkshire Admission Arrangements 2013-14
School Admissions Code

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Implications

Policy:	It is a legal requirement to determine admission arrangements to be used in the allocation of school places by the 15 April each year
Financial:	None
Personnel:	None
Legal/Procurement:	None
Environmental:	None
Property:	None
Risk Management:	None
Equalities Impact Assessment:	Yes

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Councillor Gordon Lundie

Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Councillor Brian Bedwell

Ward Members: All

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Alan Macro

Local Stakeholders: Governing Bodies and Heads of all maintained nursery, primary and secondary schools in the relevant area of West Berkshire. Governing Bodies of Voluntary Aided primary schools and of Foundation and Academy secondary school within 3.2 or 8 kilometres respectively from the West Berkshire border, Neighbouring LAs, Members of West Berkshire council, members of the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership.

Officers Consulted: Margaret Goldie, Ian Pearson, Caroline Corcoran

Trade Union: not sought

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting Information

1. Background

Local Authorities have a statutory responsibility to determine Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in their area by 15 April each year. In doing this, Local Authorities must comply with the requirements of the School Admissions Code and all relevant legislation. They must also comply with the adopted Co-ordinated & In-Year Admission Scheme in their area.

2. Admission Arrangements

2.1 The proposed Admission Arrangements 2014-15, including the proposed admission numbers, have been widely circulated to all relevant stakeholder groups and comments sought. There were no responses.

2.2 The Admission Arrangements 2014-15 are the same as those determined for 2013-14, with the exception of substituting the appropriate dates for 2014-15 and the addition of some notes in order to clarify processing. Notes have been provided at appropriate point in order to clarify the requirements that will be taken into account when applying specific areas of the policy. For example, the determination of qualifying to be in catchment and what evidence is required if there is a house move.

2.3 The proposed 2014/15 Admission Arrangements are attached as Appendix A. Appendix A incorporates the proposed Admission numbers as Appendix 1 and the Year 12 Admissions oversubscription in Appendix 2.

2.4 Also attached is the proposed Co-ordinated & In-Year Admissions Scheme 2014-15 which has been agreed by all schools in West Berkshire and must be provided to the DfE by 15 April 2013. The Coordinated & In- Year Admission Scheme is the same as the Scheme for 2013-14, with the exception of substituting the appropriate dates for 2014-15. The Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme 2014-15 is attached as Appendix B.

3. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

3.1 There is no decision to be made and therefore no Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken (EIA stage 1 completed and attached as Appendix C).

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Local Authority is required to determine the West Berkshire Council Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools, which is used for the allocation of school places for the 2014-15 academic year. This must be completed by the statutory date of 15 April 2013.

4.2 These Admission Arrangements meet the requirements of the School Admissions Code and regulations as well as all other relevant legislation.

Appendices

Appendix A - Proposed Admission Arrangements 2014/15 incorporating

- Appendix 1- Admission numbers for 2014-15 and
- Appendix 2 -Year 12 entry Admission Arrangements

Appendix B - Co-ordinated & In-Year Admissions Scheme 2014/15

Appendix C – Equality Impact Assessment – Stage One