



Report Title: **Admissions to Schools – Proposed Admission Arrangements for 2012/13**

Report of: **Director of the Children and Young People’s Service**

Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Key**

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To present the proposed arrangements for admission to community nursery classes, primary, junior and secondary schools and to St Aidan’s Voluntary Controlled School for the 2012/13 academic year.
- 1.2 To present proposed arrangements for admission to sixth form study at Alexandra Park School, the Highgate/Hornsey Sixth Form Consortium and the Haringey Sixth Form Centre for the 2012/13 academic year.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member

- 2.1 I believe that this report meets the statutory requirements for the admission arrangements for our primary, junior, secondary schools and sixth form study and am happy for it to go out to formal consultation.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To agree that the proposed admission arrangements for all community nursery classes, primary and secondary schools and St Aidan’s Voluntary Controlled Primary can go out to formal consultation on 1 November 2010.
- 3.2 To agree that the proposed admission arrangements for students starting sixth form can go out to out to formal consultation on 1 November 2010.

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4. Chief Financial Officers Comments

The local Authority's Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation and subsequent School's delegated budgets are based on the actual numbers of pupils on roll in the January preceding each financial year. As such admissions arrangements can have a bearing on the resources available. There are no particular issues within this report that would serve to change the current situation.

However, Members should be aware that as part of the implementation of the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) consideration is being given to the number and distribution of full time places for 3 and 4 year old children; in order for changes to be made (which could only be from 2012/13 academic year at the earliest) proposals would need to be brought forward and agreed after the consultation period set out in this report.

5. Head of Legal Services Comments

The changes proposed for school admission arrangements for 2012 comply with the statutory framework and the requirements under the Schools Admission Code.

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- Section 89 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998
- The Education Act 2002
- The Education and Inspections Act 2006
- The Education (Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (Secondary Schools) (England) Regulations 2008
- The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2008
- The Education (Admissions Appeals Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009
- The School Admissions Code (2009)
- The School Admissions Appeals Code (2009)

7. Strategic Implications

- 7.1 Section 89 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and associated Regulations require admission authorities to consult on their admission arrangements at least every three years and in any year in which variations are being considered. Co-ordinated schemes must be formulated every year.
- 7.2 The wording and style of the admission arrangements has been simplified. Information has been included to clarify how we will deal with tie break situations and applications from families with twins or other multiple births.
- 7.3 The Children and Young People's Service has a duty to monitor the compliance of arrangements from its own admitting authority schools. As such we will provide advice to governing bodies who are the admission authorities for other maintained primary and secondary schools in Haringey (for example St Thomas More Catholic School, The John Loughborough School, Fortismere School and Greig City Academy). However, these "own admission authorities" are responsible for their own consultation process and their determination. All determined arrangements will be published on the Haringey website for access by the public.
- 7.4 The new arrangements will then come into effect from the September 2012 intake.

8. Co-ordinated In Year Admissions

- 8.1 The In Year Fair Access Protocol has also been reviewed and the effectiveness of the panel has been considered. Minor wording has been changed to ensure that pupils start school as soon as possible.

9. Admissions to Sixth Form Study in Haringey

9.1 The proposed admission arrangements for community schools sixth form provision in Haringey, (Alexandra Park School, the Highgate / Hornsey Consortium, and the Haringey Sixth Form Centre). The School Admissions Code permits that minimum academic achievement can be used in admission arrangements at this level. Haringey Council is the admission authority and therefore must consult and determine the admission arrangements. Applications from prospective students are made directly to each individual provider who will administer the agreed admission arrangements.

10. Conclusion

10.1 The Education and Inspections Act 2006 and implementing Regulations require Local Authorities to consult on their admission arrangements annually if any changes have been made.

14. Recommendations

14.1 To approve the proposed admission arrangements for all community nursery classes, primary and secondary schools and St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled Primary School for the 2012/13 school year.

14.2 To approve the proposed admission arrangements for students starting sixth form study in Haringey in September 2012.

15. Equalities Implications

15.1 The current oversubscription criteria for Haringey community schools and the advice given to governors of schools who are their own admission authority (Appendix 1) comply with the advice given in the School Admissions Code. The Code has due regard to the provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000), and the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (as amended by the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001).

16. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 Starting nursery in Haringey in September 2012.

Appendix 2 Starting reception class or junior in Haringey September 2012.

Appendix 3 Starting secondary school in Haringey in September 2012.

Appendix 4 Starting school during the year in Haringey 2012/13

Appendix 5 In Year Fair Access Protocol 2012

Appendix 6 Starting sixth form in Haringey in September 2012