



**Haringey** Council

**APPENDIX A  
REPORT TEMPLATE**

Agenda item:

**Cabinet**

**On 18 March 2008**

Report Title: Admissions to Schools – Determination of admission arrangements.

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):

Report of: Director of the Children and Young People's Service

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Key

**1. Purpose**

To request Cabinet's approval to determine the arrangements for admission to community primary and secondary schools and to St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled School for the 2009/10 school year as stated in the enclosed report.

**2. Introduction by Cabinet Member**

2.1 This report concerns the admission arrangements to be published and implemented for the 2009/10 school year by the Council as the admission authority for community and voluntary controlled schools in Haringey.

2.2 There are very few changes to be made following the consultation procedure. These are:

- The In-Year Fair Access Protocol – specifically paragraph 13 – placing a limit on the number of pupils to be admitted through the protocol to each maintained secondary school (appendix 7).
- Admission arrangements to the Haringey Sixth Form – admission number reduced to 500 for reasons of physical space and the plan relating to numbers agreed with DCSF, but entry requirements remaining the same (appendix 10)
- Admission limit for North Harringay – the Director of the Children and Young People's Service and the Cabinet Member for children and young people will decide whether to reduce the admission limit from 81 to 60 from September 2009 following further consultation with the school.

- Admissions outside the normal rounds – It is recommended that Cabinet agree to remove the clause giving priority on waiting lists for secondary aged pupils (paragraph 10 below). This is because pupils without school places (where there are no places available) will have placements identified through the In-Year Fair Access Protocol Panel.

2.3 It includes admission arrangements to nursery classes in Haringey community primaries and St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled primary school, and admission arrangements to Sixth Forms in Haringey community secondary schools and the Sixth Form Centre. It does not include the admission arrangements for Fortismere School following the governing body's decision to change its status to foundation which means that the governing body has become the admission authority.

2.4 Consultation on admission issues is an annual requirement for local authorities under Section 89 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as amended by the Education and Inspections Act 2006, and took place between 18 January 2008 and 22 February 2008.

2.5 This report recommends the arrangements to be determined following statutory consultation which ended on 22 February 2008.

### 3. Recommendations

3.1 To approve the proposed admission arrangements for determination for all community primary and secondary schools and St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled Primary School.

3.2 To determine the admission arrangements for sixth form provision in Alexandra Park School, the Highgate/Hornsey Consortium and the Sixth Form Centre.

3.3 To approve the determination of the Qualifying Schemes for the co-ordination of arrangements for admission to reception classes in all maintained primary and secondary schools in Haringey. At secondary level, this entails the Council's continued participation in the Pan-London Scheme.

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### 4. Director of Finance Comments

4.1 The Director of Finance has been consulted on the contents of this report and has no

comments to make as there are no financial implications arising from the report.

## **5. Head of Legal Services Comments**

5.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on the content of this report. Section 89(2) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 requires all admission authorities to consult on the content of their admission arrangements. Regulations require that, for the school year commencing September 2009, such consultation shall be completed by 1 March 2008 and the arrangements determined by 15 April 2008. The report sets out the statutory framework for the admission arrangements proposed for determination, including the statutory School Admissions Code, which came into force in February 2007. These arrangements comply with the statutory framework. In particular the priority given to looked after children reflects the duty on an admission authorities to give such children the highest priority. In addition the authority is required to have an In-Year Fair Access Protocol in place from September 2007. The proposals referred to in the report concerning the appointment of Choice Advisers reflects the new duty on the authority, under Section 86(1A) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, to provide advice and assistance to parents regarding their expression of preferences within the admission arrangements for that area.

## **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 2007
- The School Admissions Code (2007)
- Education (Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (Primary Schools) (England) Regulations 2007

## **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 annually on their admission arrangements for the following academic year. Haringey Education Services gives advice to governing bodies who are the admission authorities for other maintained primary and secondary schools in Haringey (i.e. St Thomas More Catholic School, The John Loughborough School, Fortismere School and Greig City Academy). Consultation for all admission authorities should be completed by 1 March 2008, and determined by 15 April 2008. The new arrangements will then come into effect from the September 2009 intake.

There were no comments received regarding the Council's proposed admission arrangements for primary and secondary schools for the 2009/10 school year, but there was one comment regarding admission to the Haringey Sixth Form Centre which can be seen at appendix 10.

## 8. Admission arrangements for the 2009/10 school year – secondary schools

- 8.1 It is recommended that the current oversubscription criteria for admission to mixed community secondary schools in Haringey should remain unchanged and are attached as Appendices 1 and 2. They are fully compliant with current legislation and the advice given in the School Admissions Code.

## 9. Admission arrangements for the 2009/10 school year – primary schools

- 9.1 Appendix 3 shows the oversubscription criteria applied to nursery classes attached to primary schools. These arrangements are used where there are more applications than places for full time provision to ensure children most in need are targeted. It is recommended these remain unchanged.
- 9.2 The current oversubscription criteria for admission to community primary schools in Haringey is attached as Appendix 4, and are fully compliant with current legislation and the School Admissions Code of Practice. It is recommended these arrangements remain unchanged for the September 2009 intake.

## 10. Admissions outside the normal rounds.

- 10.1 The current arrangements for admission outside the normal rounds use the same oversubscription criteria described in appendices 1 and 2 (Hornsey School for Girls will follow the same oversubscription criteria as other Haringey community secondary schools). It is recommended that priority for admission to secondary schools will **not** be given to children without school places over those transferring from other schools. This policy is no longer relevant as children without school places will be referred to the In-Year Fair Access Protocol Panel.

## 11. Co-ordinated Admissions – secondary schools

- 11.1 There were no comments received regarding the proposed scheme for the 2009/10 school year and it is recommended this is determined as in Appendix 5.

## 12. Co-ordinated admissions – primary schools

- 12.1 There were no comments received regarding the proposed scheme for the 2009/10 school year and it is recommended this is determined as in Appendix 6.

## 13. Admission numbers

- 13.1 It is recommended that the admission numbers are determined as shown in each co-ordinated scheme (i.e. appendices 5 and 6).

## 14. eAdmissions

- 14.1 Final percentages for the September 2008 intake are not yet available, but the number of online applications has increased from 245 to 358 secondary applications and from 328 to 471 primary applications. Overall, this represents approximately 16% of all applications which easily meets the government target of 10%.

## 15. The In-Year Fair Access Protocol.

- 15.1 The In-Year Fair Access Protocol has been updated and is in final draft form, and now includes a limit to the number of pupils to be admitted above the admission limits of maintained schools. The protocol will be discussed at the next meeting of the Admissions Forum on 13 March 2008.
- 15.2 The protocol is a particularly important mechanism for ensuring that pupils are admitted to schools where they would normally be refused because there were no available places. The protocol applies outside the normal admission arrangements, and enables schools to admit pupils above the published admission numbers. In this way, the protocol has been instrumental in ensuring there are no secondary aged pupils without allocated school places at the time of writing this report (25 February 2008).
- 15.3 The governing body of Fortismere School had concerns about the draft protocol and the potential number of pupils that may be admitted to schools. The final version attached outlines the maximum number of pupils that could be admitted over numbers to each school (with the exception of The John Loughborough School). It is recommended that Cabinet determine the arrangements for the protocol as stated in Appendix 7.

## 16. Entry to Sixth Forms (Years 12 and 13).

- 16.1 Appendices 8, 9 and 10 outline the admission arrangements for sixth form provision in Haringey, namely Alexandra Park School, the Highgate / Hornsey Consortium, and the new Haringey Sixth Form Centre. The School Admissions Code permits that elements of academic selection in admission arrangements at this level. Haringey Council is the admission authority and therefore must approve the admission arrangements. The only comment received was from the Sixth Form Centre with some amendments to the criteria and the number of students to be admitted. Executive is asked to approve the admission arrangements shown as appendix 10.

## 17. Conclusion

- 17.1 The Education and Inspections Act 2006 and implementing Regulations require Local Education Authorities to consult on their admission arrangements annually.
- 17.2 The recommendations included in this report incorporate advice contained within the DCSF School Admissions Code which includes the duty for

authorities to make appropriate preparation for the introduction of eAdmissions and to consult on and implement a In-Year Fair Access Protocol as per current advice from DCSF.

## **18. Recommendations**

- 18.1 To determine the admission arrangements for all community primary and secondary schools and St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled Primary School.
- 18.2 To determine the admission arrangements for sixth form provision in Alexandra Park School, the Highgate/Hornsey Consortium and the new Sixth Form Centre with amendments as shown in appendices 8, 9 and 10.
- 18.3 To determine the Qualifying Schemes for the co-ordination of arrangements for admission to reception classes in all maintained primary schools and transfer to secondary school in Haringey. At secondary level, this entails the Council's continued participation in the Pan-London Scheme.

## **19. Equalities Implications**

- 19.1 The current oversubscription criteria for Haringey community schools and the advice given to governors of schools who are their own admission authority (Appendix 1) complies with the advice given in the DfES School Admissions Code of Practice. 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).

## **20. Use of Appendices**

- Appendix 1 Oversubscription criteria for Haringey mixed community secondary schools for the 2009/10 school year. (NOT Hornsey School for Girls)
- Appendix 2 Oversubscription criteria for Hornsey School for Girls for the 2009/10 school year
- Appendix 3 Oversubscription criteria for nursery classes in Haringey community primary schools and St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled School.
- Appendix 4 Oversubscription criteria for Haringey community primary schools and St Aidan's voluntary controlled primary school for the 2009/10 school year.
- Appendix 5 Draft Qualifying Scheme for the co-ordination of admission to Year 7 in Haringey maintained secondary schools in the 2009/10 school year
- Appendix 6 Draft Qualifying Scheme for co-ordination of admission to reception classes in Haringey maintained primary schools for the 2009/10 school year
- Appendix 7 In-Year Fair Access Protocol to place students in Haringey Secondary Schools
- Appendix 8 Arrangements for admission to Alexandra Park Sixth Form
- Appendix 9 Arrangements for admission to the Highgate/Hornsey consortium
- Appendix 10 Arrangements for admission to the Haringey Sixth Form Centre