

## 82 2020-2021 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS

The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning presented a report which set out the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, for which the county council was the statutory admission authority. The Local Authority (LA) was required to consult other admission authorities on any changes to the policy, including catchment areas and proposed reductions to published admission numbers (PANs). The LA must also consult the governing bodies of Community and Voluntary Controlled schools where it proposed to increase or retain the existing Published Admission Number (PAN) for 2020-21.

On 27 September 2018, after considering the options set out in the published report and for the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet resolved that:

- the amended admissions policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools be approved to go out to consultation with the required groups as set out in the School Admissions Code 2014, paragraph 1.44. This included consultation on proposals to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Kirkbampton CE School and Brook Street School; and proposed changes to the oversubscription criteria in relation to children previously in care outside England, children of staff at a school and faith based criteria;
- the proposed co-ordinated scheme for 2020-21 for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools be approved for consultation;
- the proposed definition of relevant areas for admission authorities in Cumbria for the period 2020-21 to 2022-23 be circulated for consultation with relevant schools;
- consultation be undertaken on an increase to the PAN at Thursby Primary School, and on the retention of the existing

PANs at all other Community and Voluntary Controlled schools

- the publication of statutory notices related to changes to age range at the schools set out in paragraph 52 of the report be approved.

The School Admissions Code 2014 came into force on 19 December 2014 replacing the School Admissions Code 2012.

The County Council retains the role of admissions authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in the county, and must determine admission arrangements by 28 February 2019 for the 2020-21 academic year.

The county council also retained responsibility for co-ordinating the main admissions round for all maintained schools and academies in the county. It was required to formulate a co-ordinated scheme setting out the various stages in the admissions process by 1 January 2019 for the 2020-21 academic year.

The co-ordinated scheme was last consulted on during the spring term 2012. That consultation was in respect of the co-ordinated scheme that was applied to admissions for the 2013-14 academic year. Since 2013-14 there had been no significant changes to the co-ordinated scheme and members had approved the updated scheme annually without consultation.

As set out in the School Admissions Code 2014, the LA must consult on co-ordinated scheme for 2020-21 during the autumn term 2018. Consultation on the co-ordinated scheme for 2020-21 took place for a 6 week period between 3 October 2018 and 13 November 2018.

The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning then took members through the report in detail, highlighting:-

- The Consultation Process
- Children Previously Looked After outside England
- Oversubscription Criteria – Children of Staff at a School
- Faith Based Oversubscription Criteria in Schools Designated with a Religious Character
- Relevant Area
- Nursery Admissions Policy 2019-20
- Changes of Age Range – Addition of Nursery Provision
- PAN Changes
- Other Consultation Responses
- Catchment Areas
- Children of UK Service Personnel

**RESOLVED that,**

- (1) Cabinet approve the admissions policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools at Appendix A including the reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Kirkbampton CE School and Brook Street School, and an increase in PAN at Thursby Primary School;
- (2) Cabinet approve the co-ordinated admission scheme for 2020-21 for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, Appendix B of the report;
- (3) Cabinet approve the definition of relevant areas for admission authorities in Cumbria for the period 2020-21 to 2022-23, Appendix C of the report;
- (4) Cabinet approve the nursery admissions policy for 2020-21 for Community and Voluntary Controlled nursery schools and infant/primary schools providing nursery education, Appendix D of the report;
- (5) Cabinet approve changes to age range at the schools listed in paragraph 60.