

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – ESCYP05 21/22

Decision				
1	Title of decision: School admission arrangements 2023/2024			
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor David Downie, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation			
3	Report author and contact details: Amanda Paddison, Head of Business and Access Email: amanda.paddison@plymouth.gov.uk telephone: 01752 306734			
4	Decision to be taken: That the determined school admission arrangements for 2023/2024 be based on those for 2022/2023 subject to the following amendments: I. New timetables for primary and secondary schools at the normal point of entry;			
5	Reasons for decision: The Council is under a statutory duty to consult upon and then determine the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools where admission arrangements change, and to ensure that as far as possible, the admission arrangements for other categories of school meet the requirements of the School Admissions Code. The Council is also under a statutory duty to devise and agree upon a coordinated scheme of admissions in respect of the normal points of entry.			
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: Not to determine the 2023/2024 school admission arrangements would leave the Council in breach of its statutory duties.			
7	Financial implications and Risks: None			
8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			✓	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			✓	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
		✓	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the	

				area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions			
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	<p>The proposal helps to meet the City Vision, co-operative values, co-operative objectives, and co-operative outcomes in the following ways:</p> <p>City Vision – Britain's Ocean City – providing improved and additional capacity for increasing the number of school age children in the City ensures there is a school place for every child and improves their education opportunities which will improve their quality of life. The Primary Basic Need programme delivers education infrastructure that supports the growth of the city, by supplying good quality education provision that meets need, it makes the city an attractive place to live and work</p> <p>Co-operative Value – We are democratic – we have ensured that we provide parents, staff and governors at the schools, local residents and other stakeholders with the opportunity to participate in the decision making on the proposals</p> <p>Co-operative Value – We are fair – all the proposed expansions have had public consultation which demonstrates that we are fair and open in our decision making.</p> <p>Objective – Growing Plymouth – Provides sufficient facilities for the growing number of children in Plymouth improving their academic attainment thereby improving their opportunities for the future.</p> <p>Outcome – Caring Plymouth – Enables local residents and other stakeholders to participate in the decision making</p> <p>Outcome – Pioneering Plymouth – Provides extended and improved services for children and their families making effective use of resources available. The basic need growth areas have been carefully mapped and the proposals in this report are targeted at narrowing the gaps in equality of access to education places.</p> <p>Helps to address the growing need for additional facilities for primary and secondary age children, using resources wisely.</p> <p>Outcome – Growing Plymouth – Provides sufficient education facilities for the growing number of children in Plymouth improving their education opportunities. Without basic need growth there is a serious risk that some children in the city will not be able to access a school place.</p>		

10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	None		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	✓	(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency:			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			
Consultation				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	✓	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted			
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	✓	
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Alison Botham	
		Job title	Director of Children's Services	
		Date consulted	06/12/2021 to 16/01/2022	
Sign-off				
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS112 21/22	
		Finance (mandatory)	djn.21.22.256	
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/38050/AC/8/2/22	

		Human Resources (if applicable)	
		Corporate property (if applicable)	
		Procurement (if applicable)	
Appendices			
17	Ref.	Title of appendix	
	A	School admissions 2023/24 consultation briefing paper	
	B	Community admission arrangements 2023/24	
	C	In-Year coordinated scheme of admission 2023/24	
	D	Maintained nursery school admission criteria 2023/24	
	E	Primary Coordinated Scheme 2023/24	
	F	Secondary Coordinated Scheme 2023/24	
Confidential/exempt information			
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes	If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)
		No	
		Exemption Paragraph Number	
		1	2
		3	4
		5	6
		7	
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:		
Background Papers			
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.		
	Title of background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number	

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature							
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.						
Signature			Date of decision	15 February 2022			
Print Name	Cllr Dave Downie, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills, Children and Young People						