

**DECISION OF COUNCILLOR COLIN HALL, THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
with advice from the
DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES**



DECISION NO: P&C67

SUBJECT: School Admission Arrangements, including the introduction or first geographical areas (FGA) for rural primary schools and Admission Numbers for 2017-18.

DECISION: That the following policies are accepted and adopted by the Authority.

BACKGROUND:

1. The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012 requires all admission authorities to consult on their proposed arrangements before determining final admission arrangements. The regulations establish key dates by which every admission authority should have completed its consultations and determined its arrangements. These are 31st January and 28th February.
2. Details of the proposed admission arrangements for North Somerset Coordinated Admission Scheme for 2017-18 school year have been circulated to the following groups for comments:

Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors of all mainstream schools in North Somerset
Neighbouring Local Education Authorities
The Diocese of Bath and Wells, the Clifton Diocese and the Methodist Church
Town and Parish Councils in North Somerset
Governors Association of North Somerset
Durban Trust
North Somerset Councillors
Local Members of Parliament
North Somerset Strategic Schools Forum
North Somerset People and Communities Senior Leadership Team and other Officers

The consultation was open to the public on the North Somerset website and information was put in January's North Somerset Life.

3. Responses to the proposals in the consultation have been summarised below, but a copy of full responses is available:

- A North Somerset Headteacher supported the admissions oversubscription criteria but did not agree with the FGA set out for Winford Primary stating that Hyattswood Road area should be within the area for Winford and not West Leigh.
 - A member of the public would like the Wild Country Lane end of Long Ashton to be included in the FGA for Flax Bourton Primary School. They also stated that a sibling of a child who lived outside the FGA should take priority over children without siblings at the school.
 - A North Somerset rural school's Governing Body wished to change the FGA for Churchill Primary to include the parish church of St John's.
 - A North Somerset secondary school is in support of the introduction of FGAs for rural primary schools.
 - A Headteacher from a rural primary school understands the logic of introducing FGAs, but did not agree with the FGA set out for Hutton Primary School. It was suggested that the areas of Woodside and Elborough Village which are part of Hutton Parish should be included in Hutton's FGA.
 - A member of the public is happy with the suggestion.
4. The document Admission Numbers details any changes to the admission number for the 2017 intake; the only one is as below.

Due to a decrease in demand for school places in the Nailsea area, it is proposed to decrease the Admission Number for Grove Junior School from 75 to 60 with effect from September 2017 and to keep in line with the admission number of 60 at the paired infant school.

Reasons:

The Local Authority as an Admission Authority for community and voluntary controlled schools has a duty to set admission arrangements for these schools.

Other Alternatives Considered:

None.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications for these arrangements.

Implications for Future Years:

There are no implications for future years as the arrangements are reviewed each year.

Dated:

Signed:
Councillor Colin Hall
Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services

Dated:

Confirmation of advice given:

Signed:
Sheila Smith
Director, People and Communities

Dated: