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Decision Record – Warwickshire County Council – School Admission Arrangements - 2017/18

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Colin Hayfield Education and Learning
Date of Decision (not before 23 October 2015)	23/10/2015

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder considers the proposed arrangements for School Admissions in 2017/18 and approves consultation on these proposals (as set out in Appendix A, B and C of the report).

Reasons for Decisions

The approval is required of the Portfolio Holder for consultation on school admission arrangements

Background Information

All local authorities are required to have in place a scheme for coordinating admission arrangements for maintained schools and academies within their area.

Coordinated schemes are intended to simplify the admission process for parents whilst reducing the likelihood of any child being left without a school place. Coordination establishes a mechanism that ensures as far as is reasonably practicable, every parent of a child who has applied for a place at a maintained school or academy is sent a single offer of a school place by the local authority in which their home address falls (their home authority).

Under the scheme of coordinated admissions, parents apply directly to their home authority and make a single application for a school place. Local authorities and other admission authorities such as the governing bodies of academies or church aided schools then exchange data. This is to determine which children can be offered a place at which school. Parents then receive a single offer of a school place from their home local authority.

As well as being responsible for the system of coordinated admissions, Warwickshire County Council is the admission authority for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools within the County. Admission authorities must set ('determine') admission arrangements annually.

Any changes to admission arrangements must be consulted on. For entry to schools in 2017/18 consultation must be for a minimum of six weeks and must take place between 01 October and 31 January of the school year before the arrangements apply. If no changes are made to admission arrangements they must be consulted on at least once every seven years.

For entry to schools in 2017/18 Warwickshire County Council is carrying out a single consultation into its coordinated admissions scheme, as well as the admission arrangements for the schools where Warwickshire County Council is the admission authority.

Financial Implications

None

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Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm55/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3346/Committee/555/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers

None

Members and officers consulted or informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Colin Hayfield
 All Strategic Directors
 Legal – Jane Pollard
 Finance – Virginia Rennie
 Equality – Pat Barton
 Democratic Services – Paul Williams

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