

Proposed Decision to be made Under the Council's Urgency Procedure by the Leader

28 February 2022

Amendment to admission arrangements for Warwickshire community and voluntary controlled schools for the academic years beginning September 2021 and September 2022

Portfolio Holder	Leader of the Council
Date of decision	28 February 2022
	Signed

Decision taken

The Warwickshire County Council admission arrangements for September 2021 and September 2022 for the community and voluntary controlled schools are amended to ensure the oversubscription criteria and the definition of looked after children is in line with the new Admission Code 2021.

Reasons for decision

The Schools Adjudicator, in accordance with section 88(5) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, has considered the admission arrangements for September 2021 and September 2022 determined by Warwickshire County Council for the community and voluntary controlled schools in its area and found that the arrangements do not conform with the requirements relating to admissions.

This is due to a change made to the definition of looked after children under the revised Schools Admission Code which came into effect in September 2021.

Reasons for Urgency

The School Admissions Code requires the admission authority to revise its admission

arrangements within two months of the date of the determination (7 February 2022) or by 28 February following the decision, whichever is sooner. In this case the arrangements must be revised by 28 February 2022.

Background information

The admission arrangements for the academic years beginning September 2021 and September 2022 for Warwickshire community and voluntary controlled schools were determined by Warwickshire County Council prior to the publication of the Admission Code 2021, the definition of looked after children previously included within those arrangements was in line with the previous Admissions Code which was relevant at the time of their determination and publication.

Financial implications

None

Environmental implications

None

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

List of background papers (If applicable)

- Appendix 1 - Warwickshire County Council admissions arrangements 2021-22 (Looked after children definition updated as per 2021 code)
- Appendix 2 - Warwickshire County Council admissions arrangements 2022-23 (Looked after children definition updated as per 2021 code)

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Isobel Seccombe

Legal – Guy Darvill & Nic Vine

Finance – Virginia Rennie

Equality – n/a

Democratic Services – Isabelle Moorhouse & Helen Barnsley

Councillors – n/a due to urgency

Councillor Adrian Warwick (For consent to Urgency)