

Record of Officer Decision

Determination of Admission Arrangements 2017-18

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

The Director of Children's Services and Innovation in consultation with the Executive Lead for Children and Adults, on 10 February 2016.

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

An increasing number of academies have removed or are currently in the process of removing their designated area, this is now thought to be an unfair system as many families within Torbay now do not have a designated school.

Decision Taken:

To agree the proposed admission arrangements for 2017-18 i.e.

- Admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2017-18
- Co-ordinated in year scheme for 2017-18
- Primary co-ordinated scheme for 2017-18
- Secondary co-ordinated scheme for 2017-18

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

It is a legal requirement to determine admission arrangements each year. Changes to admission arrangements have been made to ensure that they are reasonable and fair.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

The option of keeping the existing admission arrangements, where applicants living within the designated area of a school are prioritised, was considered. However, with an increasing number of academies removing their designated area this is now thought to be an unfair system as many families within Torbay now do not have a designated school. Therefore it was proposed to remove the designated area for remaining community and voluntary controlled schools. This has been discussed repeatedly with primary head teachers.

The following officers of the Council, individuals and organisations were consulted:-

- Parents of 2-18 year olds (via schools, nurseries, web site, local press and social media)
- All admission authorities in Torbay
- All affected schools
- Devon County Council
- Diocese of Exeter (CE)
- Diocese of Plymouth (RC)
- Nurseries in Torbay
- Lead Member and councillors in affected wards

The following background papers were used in considering the issue:-

- Consultation documents
- Draft admission arrangements

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None.

Implementation:

This decision will be implemented immediately.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Director for Children's Services and Innovation)