

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING

14TH APRIL, 2011

SUBJECT:	ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE COORDINATED ADMISSION SCHEME FOR 2012-2013
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR SHEILA CLARKE
KEY DECISION?	YES

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report invites the Cabinet to determine the Authority's admission arrangements for community secondary schools and the coordinated admissions scheme for 2012-2013.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree the proposed admission arrangements and coordinated scheme for 2012-2013.

3.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 3.1 There is a statutory requirement to determine admission arrangements.

4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Authority is required to determine admission arrangements for community secondary schools. Regulations made in 2003 also require the Authority to have in place a coordinated scheme for admissions to all secondary schools in 2012-2013. A copy of the proposed scheme is attached (Appendix 1). The Admissions Forum has considered the scheme and no changes have been proposed. There are also no changes with respect to admission numbers for the community secondary schools.
- 4.2 For information a copy of the secondary school allocations for 2011 is attached (Appendix 2) 90% of parents were allocated a secondary school which was their first or highest preference, taking into account grammar school preferences where pupils did not reach the required standard. Admission Numbers for Community Secondary Schools are indicated in Appendix 3.

5.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 5.1 There are none.

6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 Not applicable.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has taken place with all schools and other relevant admissions authorities. No responses have been received.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

8.1 There are none.

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

9.1 There are none.

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The arrangements comply with all statutory guidelines.

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The admissions arrangements are monitored to ensure there is fair access as defined by the Admissions Code of Practice 2010. Reports are provided to the Admissions Forum and checks have been made by the National Schools Adjudicator.

11.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

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| (a) Is an EIA required? | Yes |
| (b) If 'yes', has one been completed? | Yes October 2007 |

12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are none.

13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are none.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Scheme for the Coordination of Admission Arrangements for Maintained Secondary Schools.

Appendix 2 Secondary School Allocation 2011

Appendix 3 Proposed Admission Numbers for 2012-13

REFERENCE MATERIAL

The School Admissions Code of Practice 2010.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet	April 2008
Cabinet	April 2009
Cabinet	April 2010