

ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2010-2011

1.0 Executive Summary

This report invites the Cabinet to initiate consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled primary schools and the coordinated scheme for admissions to all primary schools in 2010-2011.

2.0 Background

The Authority is required to consult annually on its admission arrangements and to determine the arrangements by April of the preceding year. Regulations also require the Authority to have in place a coordinated scheme for admissions to all primary schools. A copy of the proposed scheme is attached (Appendix 1). It is likely that new regulations in 2009 will enable admission authorities to consult every 3 years.

3.0 Consultation on the Coordinated Admissions Scheme

A copy of the proposed Coordinated Scheme for Admissions in 2010-11 is attached (Appendix 1). The only change is the deletion of parental reasons which may override geographical criteria from the oversubscription criteria, this follows advice from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. The Adjudicator considers this criteria to be too subjective.

4.0 Consultation on Admissions to Community Primary Schools

For most Community and Voluntary Controlled schools it is proposed to retain the existing admission number for 2010-2011. A table of current admission numbers for community and voluntary controlled primary schools is attached as Appendix 2. Voluntary Aided Schools consult separately on admission numbers and their admissions policies.

5.0 Financial, Staffing, Equal Opportunities, Human Rights, Local Agenda 21, Planning, Local Member, Community Safety, Social Inclusion and Anti- Poverty Implications

5.1 There are none.

6.0 Background Papers

6.1 The School Admissions Code 2008.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 That consultation on admission arrangements to primary schools takes place in the spring term 2009.