

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES'
SERVICES**

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, ROTHERHAM.
S60 2TH**

Date: Wednesday, 9th April, 2014

Time: 9.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Declarations of Interest.
5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th March, 2014. (Pages 1 - 9)
6. Recommended Provider for the contract to deliver Advocacy for Children and Young People Involved in Child Protection Processes - retrospective approval. (Pages 10 - 13)
7. Budget Monitoring Report to 28th February, 2014. (Pages 14 - 21)
8. Admissions Consultation outcome in respect of entry in the 2015/16 academic year. (Pages 22 - 39)
9. Date and time of the next meeting: -
 - Wednesday 21st May, 2014, to start at 9.00 a.m. in the Rotherham Town Hall.

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5th March, 2014**

Present:- Councillor Lakin (in the Chair) and Councillor Beaumont.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmed and Roche.

D99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor C. Beaumont Declared a Personal Interest in relation to Minute No. 109 (Local Governor Appointments).

D100. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2014.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services held on 12th February, 2014, were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as an accurate record.

D101. WELCOME TO THE NEW STRATEGIC LEAD, JOINT HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CARE.

Councillor Paul Lakin welcomed Donald Rae, Strategic Lead, Joint Health, Education and Social Care to the meeting. Donald had recently taken up his post and joined Rotherham.

Donald outlined his role. He was working with the legislation around Special Educational Needs and Disability, which would shortly become Acts of Parliament. The intended Acts would herald major reform in the specific age-groups 0-3 and 16-25, with the intention of creating a seamless 0 – 25 system. Donald was reviewing Rotherham's Strategies to ensure they were appropriate for the intended Legislation and demands and needs in Rotherham and he would present a report to a future meeting of the Children, Young People and Families' Partnership outlining his findings.

Councillor Lakin welcomed Donald to Rotherham and looked forward to working with him in the future.

D102. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 31ST JANUARY, 2014.

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Principal Finance Officer (Financial Services, Resources Directorate), which provided a financial forecast to 31st March, 2014, based on actual income and expenditure to 31st January, 2014.

Overall, the Directorate was projecting a £1.124million over-spend outturn position at the end of the 2013/2014 financial year. This overspend represented an increase of 2.4% on the total revenue budget allocation, and represented a reduction of £128,000 since the December budget monitoring report.

The forecast overspend was largely due to the continuing pressures in Safeguarding Children and Families' Services due to the needs-led nature of the budget relating to out-of-authority residential and fostering placements. In addition, Disability Services were also projecting a significant over-spend relating to over-time and agency costs and Direct Payments.

The report provided an update on the main areas of variance and outlined the main pressures and areas of under-spend and/or over-spend for each Service.

A number of continuing budget management actions were being taken to avoid costs: -

- Prevention and Early Intervention Strategies, including an increased use of Special Guardianship Orders and efforts concentrating investments in Fostering and Adoption Services;
- Proactive management actions continued to concentrate on avoiding costs relating to placements for Looked After Children, the Fostering Framework and through block commissioning and negotiation of placements. These efforts had achieved savings of £701,000 to January, 2014;
- The Multi-Agency Support Panel was continuing to make efficient multi-agency management actions and decisions, and continuing to avoid costs wherever possible;
- The Invest to Save Programme in Fostering and Adoption Services was continuing to be effective and increase the number of in-house fostering placements and adopters;
- Agency costs had increased compared to the same period in the previous year primarily as a result of covering vacant posts within Safeguarding Children and Families' Service, and covering sickness absence and maternity leave to ensure that safe staffing ratios were maintained. Recruitment was underway in relation to vacant posts to save on agency costs;
- Non-contractual overtime for Children and Young People's Services had increased compared to the same period in the previous year as a result of the need for fully trained staff to maintain cover in residential homes. Agency staff could not cover these posts due to training requirements and service-users' need for consistency;
- Consultancy costs had decreased compared to the same period in the previous year;
- The actions of Neil Nerva, Continuing Care Consultant, had proved effective in drawing down additional funding streams.

Based on previous Budget Monitoring feedback from the Cabinet Member, the January 2014 report contained a breakdown of the different placement types that existed for the years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 to January, 2014. The breakdown noted the number of out-of-authority placements that existed, an average placement cost, independent fostering agencies and in-house fostering placements.

Discussion followed and the budget allocation for Looked After Children was discussed. The budget had historically been insufficient for the level of need, and was always going to be a demands-led budget. The Cabinet Member expected all stakeholders to continue to work to bring the budget allocation for Looked After Children to a more achievable figure.

It was also agreed that future budget monitoring reports would include reference to the continuing Valuing Care Review.

Resolved: - That the latest financial projection against the budget for the year based on actual income and expenditure to the 31st January, 2014, be noted.

D103. ANNUAL DETERMINATION - THE LOCAL AUTHORITY (POST COMPULSORY AWARDS) REGULATION 2000.

The Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services presented the report that had been submitted regarding the Local Authority's requirement to make an annual determination in respect of awarding financial awards to Higher and Further Education students, under the School Standards and Framework Act (1998).

The report outlined the legislative ability of local authorities to make financial awards to Higher and Further Education Students, alongside the Standard Spending Assessment of 1999-2000 which withdrew available funding. The report noted that the 16-19 Bursary Fund was administered by schools and colleges.

It was proposed that the Rotherham Local Authority determined not to take up the power in any circumstances or make provision to consider applications to make awards to new Higher and Further Education students.

Resolved: - That the Local Authority not take up the power as given in the aforementioned Legislations in any circumstances and not make provision for considering applications for awards to new Higher and Further Education students or 16-19 year olds who are still attending school.

D104. PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE THORPE HESLEY INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS - PRE-STATUTORY CONSULTATION.

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Principal School

Admissions, Organisation and Special Educational Needs Assessment Service Officer (Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services) that outlined a proposal to undertake Pre-Statutory Consultation on a proposal to amalgamate Thorpe Hesley Infant and Junior Schools.

The report outlined that the Governing Body had proposed that the Infant School should be discontinued and the age-range of the Junior School be changed from 7-11 to 3 – 11, so creating a 'through' primary school.

The proposed School would have 490 places from Reception to Year Six and 52 places in the Nursery (equating to 26 full-time equivalent places).

The report detailed the principal objectives, advantages and disadvantages of amalgamating Infant and Junior schools. Also noted was a proposed timetable for the amalgamation to follow due process. Should the proposal pass all stages successfully, it was intended that the 'through' primary school would open on 1st September, 2014.

It was noted that Thorpe Hesley Infant and Junior Schools were in separate buildings on the same site.

Resolved: - (1) That Pre-Statutory Consultation commence on the proposal to amalgamate Thorpe Hesley Infant and Junior Schools.

(2) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services at the closure of the Pre-Statutory Consultation.

D105. PROPOSALS TO EXPAND CORTONWOOD INFANT SCHOOL - COMMENCE STATUTORY CONSULTATION.

Further to Minute No. D32 (Brampton Cortonwood Infant - proposal to commence Pre-Statutory consultation on expansion) of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services held on 24th July, 2013, a report was submitted outlining the outcomes of the consultation and requesting authorisation to continue on to Statutory Consultation on the proposal.

The Principal School Admissions, Organisation and Special Educational Needs Assessment Service Officer reported that the proposal was to increase the Published Admission Number in the Foundation Stage Two (Reception) class from September 2017 to 50 (an increase from 40).

This proposal was linked to the proposal to expand Brampton Ellis Junior School (Minute No. D33 of 24th July, 2013 refers) and the proposed amalgamation of Brampton Ellis Infant and Junior Schools (Minute No. D107 of 7th March, 2014 refers). The consultations would run together.

The report outlined how the expansion would be funded from the

Department for Education's Basic Need funding stream that existed to ensure sufficient school places were available, and Section 106 Developer Education Contributions. For the first year of operation the School's budget would not be sufficient as the additional pupils would not be on roll at the time of the School Census, meaning that funding to cover 7/12ths of the additional staffing required would need to be secured from the Pupil Growth Contingency fund administered by the Rotherham Schools' Forum.

Resolved: - That Statutory Consultation on the proposal to expand Cortonwood Infant School commence.

(2) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services following the close of the Consultation.

D106. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF BRAMPTON THE ELLIS JUNIOR SCHOOL - COMMENCE STATUTORY CONSULTATION.

Further to Minute No. D33 (Brampton Ellis Junior School - proposal to commence Pre-Statutory Consultation on expansion) of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services held on 24th July, 2013, a report was submitted outlining the outcomes of the consultation and requesting authorisation to continue on to Statutory Consultation on the proposal.

The Principal School Admissions, Organisation and Special Educational Needs Assessment Service Officer reported that the proposal was to increase the Published Admission Number in the Year Three Class from September 2014 to 80 (an increase from 70) in the first instance. It was proposed that the School would be expanded in phases to accommodate an eventual Published Admission Number of 90 children from September, 2020.

This proposal was linked to the proposal to expand Cortonwood Infant School (Minute No. D106 of 7th March, 2014 refers) and the proposed amalgamation of Brampton the Ellis Infant and Junior Schools (Minute No. D107 of 7th March, 2014 refers). The consultations would run together.

The report outlined how the expansion would be funded from the Department for Education's Basic Need funding stream that existed to ensure sufficient school places were available and Section 106 Developer Education Contributions. For the first year of operation the School's budget would not be sufficient as the additional pupils would not be on roll at the time of the School Census, meaning that funding to cover 7/12ths of the additional staffing required would need to be secured from the Pupil Growth Contingency fund administered by the Rotherham Schools' Forum.

Resolved: - That Statutory Consultation on the proposal to expand

Brampton the Ellis Junior School commence.

(2) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services following the close of the Consultation.

D107. PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE BRAMPTON THE ELLIS JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOLS BY THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL AND THE CHANGE OF AGE RANGE OF THE INFANT SCHOOL - STATUTORY CONSULTATION.

Further to Minute No. D80 (Brampton The Ellis Infant and Junior School amalgamation - Pre-Statutory Consultation) of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services held on 15th January, 2014, a report was submitted outlining the outcomes of the consultation.

This proposal was linked to the proposals to expand Cortonwood Infant School and Brampton the Ellis Junior School (Minute Nos. D105 and D106 refers). The consultations would run alongside one another.

The report outlined that the Governing Body had proposed that the Infant School should be discontinued and the age-range of the Junior School be changed from 7-11 to 3 – 11, so creating a 'through' primary school.

The proposed School would have 120 Infant places from Reception to Year Two and 280 Junior places (Years Three – Six), rising to 320 from 1st September, 2014, and eventually 360 from September, 2020. The School's Published Admission Number would be 40 for the Infant School and 80 for the Junior School (rising to 90).

The report detailed the principal objectives, advantages and disadvantages of amalgamating Infant and Junior schools. Also noted was a proposed timetable for the amalgamation to follow due process.

Resolved: - (1) That Statutory Consultation commence on the proposal to amalgamate Brampton the Ellis Infant and Junior Schools.

(2) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services at the closure of the Pre-Statutory Consultation.

D108. HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT TO AMALGAMATING SCHOOLS POLICY.

This item was deferred for further information.

D109. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS.

Pursuant to Minute No. C50 of January, 2000, consideration was given to nominations received to fill Local Authority vacancies on school governing

bodies.

Resolved:- (1) That, with the effective date of appointment as shown, the following appointments and reappointments be made to school governing bodies, subject to satisfactory checks being undertaken:-

New Appointments: -

Anston Greenlands Junior and Infant	Mrs. S. Hollis	5/3/2014
Brinsworth Howarth Primary	Mr. G. Heeley	5/3/2014
Brinsworth Manor Junior	Mrs. P. Sharp	5/3/2014
Kilnhurst Primary	Mr. D. Sanderson	5/3/2014
Swinton Community School	Mr. A. Lee	5/3/2014
Swinton Community School	Mr. R. Harris	5/3/2014
Todwick Primary	Mr. J. Ibbotson	5/3/2014
Treeton Church of England Primary	Mr. T. Adair	5/3/2014

Re-appointments: -

Dinnington Community Primary	Councillor J. Havenhand	6/12/2013
Brinsworth Manor Infant	Mr. T. Marvin	12/1/2014
Hilltop and Kelford Federation	Mrs. C. Firth	24/1/2014
Laughton Junior and Infant	Mr. J. Horsfield	24/1/2014
Maltby Redwood Junior and Infant	Mrs. S. Shepherd	2/2/2014
Maltby Redwood Junior and Infant	Councillor C. Beaumont	6/3/2014
Newman	Mrs. P. Hill	4/4/2014

D110. DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION CONSULTATION ON THE CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MAINTAINED SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES.

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Co-ordinator of Governor Services (School Effectiveness Service, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services) that outlined the Department for Education's Consultation relating to changes proposed to maintained schools' governing bodies (including groups of federated maintained schools). The consultation opened on 13th January, 2014, and was due to end on 14th March, 2014.

Within schools, the profile of Governors was high and rising, in particular relating to increasing attainment levels. Governance now formed a key aspect of Ofsted inspections.

The proposed changes to the Regulations were: -

- All School Governing Bodies must reconstitute in accordance with the September, 2012 Regulations before September, 2014;
- New appointments to Governing Bodies could be selected on the basis that they had the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school;
- Following reconstitution of the Governing Body, any 'surplus' Governors should be removed based on the skills required rather than the current 'juniority' principle.

The proposed changes to the Statutory Guidance were: -

- Governing bodies should be no bigger than they needed to be to have all of the necessary skills to carry out their functions effectively;
- Governing bodies should undertake regular skills audits and use the process of filling vacancies (as well as a commitment to continuous professional development) to fill any skills gaps;
- Eligibility criteria for elected Governors was to remain unchanged. However, Governing Bodies were to have greater flexibility to identify specific skills or experiences that would be desirable in a new Governor. Relevant groups would still be able to vote for the candidate(s) of their choice.

The Co-ordinator of Governor Services explained the likely implications for Rotherham based on the proposals being consulted upon. These included the probable reduction in numbers of Local Authority Governor positions. Other factors included the number of academy schools which contributed to a lowering of Local Authority Governor positions. In Rotherham the process of appointing to Local Authority Governor positions followed two separate systems, the 2007 Constitution Regulations and the 2012 Constitution Regulations. These needed to be brought into line and unified. This would form the subject of a future report to the Cabinet Member.

It was noted that the Local Authority's response had been discussed with the Chair of the Improving Lives Select Commission.

Discussion ensued on the training available to Local Authority Governors in Rotherham. The Cabinet Member asked that consideration be given to providing training for prospective local authority governors in order that they could increase their knowledge and understanding of the role.

The Cabinet Member endorsed Rotherham's response to the consultation as it was in-line with the recommendations of the Improving Lives Select Commission's scrutiny review into School Governing Bodies and built on the Review's constructive conclusion.

Resolved: - (1) That the response, as discussed, to the content of the Department for Education's consultation on the constitution of Local Authority maintained governing bodies be approved and it be fed back to

the Department for Education before the end of the consultation period.

(2) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet Member to outline the implications on the procedure for appointing Local Authority Governors.

D111. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: -

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services take place on Wednesday 9th April, 2014, commencing at 9.00 a.m. in the Rotherham Town Hall.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services
2.	Date:	9th April, 2014
3.	Title:	Recommended Provider for the contract to deliver Advocacy for Children and Young People Involved in Child Protection Processes
4.	Directorate:	Neighbourhood and Adult Services

5. Summary:

A new advocacy service for children and young people involved in child protection processes was commissioned in August 2013 for a 7 month pilot from 1st September, 2013 to 31st March, 2014 and the contract was awarded to the in-house Rights 2 Rights Service. The short term nature of the project was to enable CYPS to be part of the wider RMBC review of advocacy.

The wider review of existing advocacy services provided in Rotherham was completed and the findings reported to NAS and CYPS DLTs in December, 2013.

CYPS DLT agreed to the proposal that a new one year contract for children and young people involved in child protection processes should be commissioned from 1st April, 2014 with an option to extend for a further year.

A competitive tendering process has now been completed to determine the best provider to deliver this service. This included a robust evaluation process against the method statement requirements and some detail of this evaluation is detailed in the proposals at 7.2. In total there were three tenders received, from Rotherham Advocacy Partnership (RAP), Rights 2 Rights Service and Barnardo's. Given two of these providers could have successfully delivered the service, the evaluation criteria had to be applied rigidly.

The recommended provider is Barnardo's and they have been informed of the intention to award them the contract subject to the approval of CYPS DLT, Cabinet Member, Children, Young People and Families, and following the 10 day standstill period which gives the opportunity for unsuccessful providers to challenge the decision.

6. Recommendations**Cabinet Member:-**

- 6.1 Retrospectively approve the recommended provider to deliver the advocacy contract for children and young people involved in the child protection process.**

7. Proposal

7.1 Background Information

Advocacy Services for children and young people involved in child protection was commissioned in August 2013 for a 7 month pilot project. The Rights 2 Rights Service were successful and awarded the contract. The short term basis of this contract was deliberate to enable CYPS to contribute to the review of advocacy provision across RMBC. This review has now been concluded and the changes will ensure all advocacy services provide issue based, short-term advocacy which is to be consistently performance managed and monitored against the outcomes.

One of the priorities for Children and Young People's Services is around ensuring the voice of the child is heard. The new Ofsted Framework (October 2013) states that "the views and experiences of children, young people and their families are at the centre of service design, influence development and strategic thinking". Given this and the success of the pilot project, CYPS DLT agreed to commission the advocacy service on a longer term basis from 1st April, 2014.

7.2 Commissioning Process including Evaluation of Tenders

A competitive tendering process has now been completed to determine the best provider to deliver the advocacy service. In total three tenders were received and given two providers were above the threshold and could have successfully delivered the service, the evaluation criteria therefore had to be applied rigidly and as a result the preferred provider to deliver the service is Barnardo's.

Each question in the tender process has a score and a weighting dependent on importance. Barnardo's total score is 290, Rights 2 Rights Service 270 and RAP 200.

Some of the detail around the evaluation of each tender is included below:-

Barnardo's

The level of experience Barnardo's have in delivering advocacy within the child protection process for three other local authorities was evident from their tender. They also have local knowledge through delivering other contracts such as Junction project, at the Rowan Centre in Rotherham. The key features of the service were set out along with how the outcomes within the specification would be met and Barnardo's have a system enabling live reports to be extracted for evaluation, improvement and to demonstrate the impact/distance travelled. Barnardo's also have an outcomes assessment model to enable consistency of application which is also used to discuss progress with the young person. All advocates are trained to NYAS Level 3 and given advocates operate on an 'As and When' basis, staff absence and capacity issues can be addressed. The evaluation panel did have to ask two further questions of Barnardo's which related to the 'service charge' within their budget proposals but also the number of children and young people supported through previous advocacy contract, which has delayed the process slightly.

Rights 2 Rights Service

Although the Rights 2 Rights service have established the advocacy service for children and young people involved in child protection process, unfortunately the outcomes achieved and the impact made by this pilot were not clearly illustrated in their tender response. On the whole the tender was good especially around the experience of the service, how the service would utilise volunteers, add value through their LAC service and the detail around the processes to be used. Unfortunately however, some of the responses were insufficient in detail, for example, in relation to the outcomes required and how these would be implemented, how the service would respond to staff absence and capacity, how young people would be encouraged to take up the offer, and what innovative ways of engagement would be utilised.

Rotherham Advocacy Partnership (RAP)

Whilst RAP have vast experience of working with learning disabled adults they were unable to provide sufficient information to demonstrate their experience of working with children and young people involved in child protection. Whilst the detail around the structure of the proposed service was clear no reference was made to responding to the demand or capacity to deliver the service.

An intention to award notice has now been issued to Barnardo's and subject to their acceptance of this, plus approval by CYPS DLT, Cabinet Member and the 10 day standstill period, where any of the unsuccessful providers could challenge the decision, Barnardo's will officially be awarded the contract on the 21st March, 2014. In the meanwhile discussions will be held to facilitate the handover of priority cases from Rights to Rights to Barnardo's ready for when the contract commences on the 1st April, 2014.

8. Finance

The value of the advocacy contract for children and young people involved in child protection processes is £50,000 for 12 months, commencing 1st April, 2014. There is also an option to extend this contract for a further year, subject to funding being available.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

It has already been acknowledged that the capacity within this contract to respond to the potential number of children and young people involved in child protection processes in Rotherham is a significant challenge. The demand for the service against the capacity to respond to it should continue to be reviewed.

As with any new provider, it will take time to establish the service and build relationships with relevant teams. However, given the experience of Barnardo's in delivering similar contracts elsewhere, the risk is felt to be low.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Ensuring young people are empowered to voice their opinions on decisions made about them continues to be a priority for CYPS.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Ofsted Framework and evaluation schedule for the inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers (October 2013).

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People’s and Families Services
2	Date:	9th April 2014
3	Title:	Children and Young People’s Service Revenue Budget Monitoring Report to 28th February 2014
4	Directorate :	Children and Young People’s Service

5 Summary

This Budget Monitoring Report provides a financial forecast for the Children and Young People’s Services Directorate to the end of March 2014 based on actual income and expenditure to the end of February 2014.

The Directorate is currently projecting an overspend outturn position of £768K (2.1%) principally as a result of continued pressures in the Safeguarding, Children and Families Service. This has reduced by £356K since the February monitoring report.

6 Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member receives and notes the latest financial projection against budget for the year based on actual income and expenditure to the end of February 2014.

7 Proposals and Details

7.1.1 Considerable, concerted proactive management actions to contain and where possible reduce the projected outturn position are continuing. So far, within this financial year, these actions will have helped the service avoid £714K of costs that would otherwise have been incurred. Further detail on the actions is presented at 7.1.5.

7.1.2 The table below summarises the forecast outturn against approved budgets for each service division:

Division of Service	Net Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variation	Variation
	£000	£000	£000	%
Directorate Wide Costs	2,243	2,322	79	3.5
Schools and Lifelong Learning Service Wide	109	109	0	0
School Effectiveness	862	840	-22	-2.6
Special Education Provision	2,296	2,198	-98	-4.3
Early Years	4,954	4,554	-400	-8.1
Integrated Youth Support	4,400	4,106	-294	-6.7
Specific Grant Support	0	0	0	0
Traded Services	82	74	-8	-9.8
Safeguarding, Children & Families Service Wide	3,089	3,182	93	3.0
Child Protection Teams	989	1,017	28	2.8
Children in Need Social Work Teams	5,715	5,892	177	3.1
Looked After Children	18,597	19,699	1,102	5.9
Disability Services	3,049	3,160	111	3.6
Total Children and Young People's Services	46,385	47,153	768	1.7

7.1.3 Presented below is an analysis of the main variances and the underlying reasons beneath them:

Directorate Wide (+£79K)

The forecast over spend is due to the inclusion of a provision for the forecast deficit position on Rawmarsh Comprehensive school when it converts to an academy in 2014/15 (+£100K) and a forecast overspend on the Central budget due to the additional costs of Records Management (+£9K) & supplies & services (+£2K). This is offset by a forecast underspend on pensions costs (-£32K) due a reduction in number of payments.

Safeguarding, Children and Families Service Wide (+£93K)

The forecast over spend on legal fees (+£110k) due largely to an increase in court fees notified to us in July 2013, agency & advertising costs for the Director of Safeguarding post (+£14K) & inspection consultancy costs (+£38K) is offset by savings on delays in recruitment (-£69K) in Business Support.

Child Protection Teams (+£28K)

This forecast overspend is due to confirmation of a reduction in the DSG contribution from schools (+£49K) offset by underspends on supplies in the Safeguarding Unit due to the moratorium (-£7K) and on the Advocacy contract within the Children's Rights Team (-£14K).

Children in Need Social Work Teams (+£177K)

This forecast overspend is due to Agency staff costs & additional staff appointments within the Children in Need North team & the Borough Wide team (+£151K), tribunal, premises & mileage costs in the Children in Need South team (+£27K) and a charge for call handling for the Out of Hours Team (+£33K) offset with savings from staff vacancies from the Early Intervention teams (-£13K) & the Family Assessment Team (-£21K).

Looked After Children (+£1,102k)

The service is forecasting an over spend mainly due to out of authority residential placements (+£1,409K), remand placements (+£180K) and independent fostering placements (+£267K). This includes a provision for additional Continuing Care income from CCG of £221K above the projected income. Further details of placements are below:

Placement Type	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14 as at 28 th February		
	Average No. of placements	Average Cost of Placement £ per week	Average No. of placements	Average Cost of Placement £ per week	Average No. of placements	Average Cost of Placement £ per week	Actual Number of placements
Out of Authority Residential	18	3,022	21.1	3,206	24.7	3,149	31
<i>R1 Accommodation only</i>	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	11
<i>R2 Accommodation & therapy</i>	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	10
<i>R3 Accommodation, therapy & education</i>	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	6
<i>R4 Parent & Baby</i>	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	0
<i>Secure</i>	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	4
<i>Remand</i>	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	1.6	3,101	0
Independent Fostering Agencies	125	887	121	874	107.1	884	104
<i>Standard</i>	U/A	U/A	74.8	745	66.4	764	63
<i>Complex</i>	U/A	U/A	27.2	938	23.6	1,158	28
<i>Specialist</i>	U/A	U/A	19	1,287	17.1	978	13
In-house Fostering	158.8	230	162	246	165.2	244	160
Note: U/A - This detailed breakdown was unavailable at the time but will be in the future							

Out of Authority Residential

- The number of children in residential out of authority placements as at end of February 2014 is 31 (an increase of 2 since January and an increase of 6 since 31 March 2013).

- Due to the increasing complexity of children's needs that are going into residential out of authority placements & despite successful negotiations by the Commissioning team to minimise the cost of these placements, the average cost per week of these placements has increased from £3,022 in 2011/12 to £3,149 currently – an increase of 4.2%.
- The average number of placements in the same period has risen by 6.7 (37%)
- From 1 April 2013 children's remand placements are fully funded by the Local Authority & RMBC was provided with a national grant of £78k to cover these additional costs. The cost of these placements in 2013/14 so far is £258k, which shows that the grant was grossly inadequate. There are currently no remand placements.

Independent Fostering Agencies

- The number of children in Independent foster Care as at end February 2014 is 104 (a reduction of 1 since January & a reduction of 9 since the end of March 2013).
- The average cost of a placement has reduced by an average of £3 or 0.3% since 2011/12.
- The average number of placements during the same period has decreased by 17.9 (14%)

In-house Fostering

- The number of children in in-house fostering placements as at end of February is 160 (a reduction of 1 since January & a reduction of 11 since the end of March 2013).
- The average cost of a placement has risen by an average of £14 or 6% since 2011/12.
- The average number of placements during the same period has increased by 6.4 (4%)

The number of looked after children was 389 at end of February, an increase of 3 since January but a reduction of 6 since the end of March 2013.

A further cost within this area is £28k that paid for a consultant to review health care contributions towards children's continuing health care needs which has shown its worth by being able to raise a provision for £221K of additional income.

An additional overspend is included (+£15K) for a court ordered care package. These pressures are partially offset by projected underspends in Contact Worker Team (-£29K) due to delays in recruitment, Children's Homes (-£124k) mainly due to not staffing the Silverwood annexe, Fostering Services (-£283k) due to a forecast underspend on fostering allowances & equipment, Residence Orders & Families together placements, (-£166k) due to the re-profiling of adoption placements and the impact of this on inter-agency adoption costs & maximising grants, (-£70k) reduced use of transport for LAC children & (-£125k) in Leaving care on accommodation costs & a reduction in the number of weekly payments.

Disability Services (+£111K)

This service is now forecasting an overspend mainly due to overtime & agency costs at Cherry Tree & Liberty residential homes due to needing to cover sickness & vacancies (+£85K) and an overspend on Direct payments (+£88K) offset by savings on staff vacancies in the Disability Team (-£62K). The over spend on Direct payments is due to providing carers to support families with children with extremely complex needs which would otherwise require OOA residential placements at a much higher cost.

Remaining CYPS Services (-£822k)

The overall CYPS overspend is also partially offset by projected under spends on School Effectiveness (-£22K) due to some delays in recruitment, in the Special Education Provision (-£98K) mainly due to in year redundancies & savings on staff vacancies, (-£400k) due to ceasing non essential spend & reallocation of funding in the Early Years' service, (-£294K) staff cost savings, ceasing non essential spend & maximising grants in the Integrated Youth Support Service and a further contribution from the Education Catering Service (-£8K).

7.1.4 Prevention and Early intervention strategies

These include:

- Increased use of Special Guardianships (7 as at the end of February, an increase of 8 since 31st March 2013) and Residence Orders (135 as at 1st March, an increase of 15 since 31st March 2013). There is a continuing push to secure permanency for some children via this route rather than becoming or remaining looked after children. This seeks to reduce the LAC numbers but also provides better outcomes for the children and young people.
- The investment received in Fostering & Adoption is showing results. The service is projecting to have 31 new adopters by the end of March 2014 which is 10 above the invest to save target and 13 above the number approved in 2012/13. The Adoption Service has also been helped by the governments Adoption Reform Grant. The service is projecting to be on target for the recruitment of new foster carers at the net gain of 21.

7.1.5 Impact of Management Actions

Considerable, concerted proactive management actions to contain and where possible reduce the projected outturn position are continuing – within 2013/14 to date, these actions have helped the service avoid £714K of costs that would otherwise have been incurred:

- Reduction in placement costs of £553K through renegotiating contracts with external providers;
- The Fostering Framework has achieved £90K of reductions on standard fostering placements
- The Block contract has achieved £71K savings on complex fostering placements
- The continued effectiveness of the multi-agency support panel from which through efficient multi agency management actions and decision making, continues to avoid costs wherever possible.
- CYPS have engaged a company called Valuing Care who will be contacting a range of providers of Social Care & SEN Residential placements to carry out cost book analysis to compare against their extensive database to identify potential areas for cost renegotiations & ongoing savings. This should show savings in 2014/15.

7.1.6 Agency Costs

Total expenditure on Agency staff for Children and Young People's Services for the 11 month period ending 28th February 2014 was £742K. This compares with an actual cost of £471K for the same period last year.

Increased agency costs for the whole year have been incurred as a result of the need to cover the Interim Director of Safeguarding, Children & Families post (though this has been reduced due to an extended leave period by the officer in March 2014); vacant social worker and team manager posts, and social work posts where staff are on long term sick or on maternity leave; and vacancies, sickness and maternity leave in residential care.

Recruitment to the permanent Director post was successfully completed in March 2014, with the new officer joining Rotherham in August 2014.

All team manager posts were filled through recruitment in late 2013 and all new starters are now in post. Unfortunately, RMBC terms and conditions for social worker posts (Bands G-J) means that only 1 months' notice is required. This makes it very difficult to replace anyone immediately upon a post being vacant, even if recruitment commences the moment a notice is submitted (when one allows for a 2 week advertising period, there is still at least a 5 weeks' timescale before interviews could realistically take place, which doesn't then account for the notice period of successful applicants, which ranges typically from 4 - 8 weeks). The service is working to combat this issue by having monthly recruitment campaigns, but the vast majority of applications come from newly qualified staff. This is a regional issue, in that there is an acknowledged shortage of experienced social workers in the region.

It is important to assure Cabinet Member that emergent vacancies in social workers continue to be for uncontrollable/unpredictable reasons. Whilst it would be improper to go into individual detail in this report (as it could allow for individuals to be identified in a public report without their consent), more detail can be provided upon request.

As part of service responsibilities to explain agency spend, the Service Manager for Strategy, Standards and Early Help will deputise for the Director at a member Q&A session, being undertaken by the Self-regulation sub-committee of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel. This session is taking place on 27th March 2014.

The DfE released findings from their first round of social work workforce data which all LAs are required to report on: Rotherham ranks amongst the lowest Authorities for use of agency and turnover, when benchmarked against stat neighbours.

7.1.7 Non contractual Overtime

Actual expenditure to the end of February 2014 on non-contractual overtime for Children and Young People's Services (excluding schools) is £112K which is mainly in Residential units, compared with expenditure of £79K for the same period last year.

OfSTED requirements are that, if possible, agency staff are not used to cover vacancies, hence the reliance on overtime in the short term pending recruited staff taking up position.

7.1.8 Consultancy Costs

Total expenditure on consultancy costs to the end of February is £217K compared to £275K for the same 11 month period last year.

The majority of these costs are in the School Effectiveness Service and externally funded areas. School effectiveness is funded by a combination of Revenue, Dedicated Schools Grant and other income.

The actual costs of agency, non contractual overtime & consultancy are included within the financial forecasts.

8. Finance

Finance details are included in section 7 above.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Principal risks and uncertainties relate to the 'needs led' nature of budgets for looked after children.

The recruitment of in house foster and adoptive carers remains a challenge and we must always ensure a high quality of placements.

Our decisions to place children with independent fostering agencies and in residential out of authority establishments will always be in the context of the best interests of our children. The budget need can only be an estimate given its volatile nature. For example, one out of authority residential placement for a child with very complex needs can now cost up to £364,000 per annum.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The delivery of the Council's Revenue Budget within the limits determined by Council in March 2013 is vital in achieving the objectives of the Council's Policy agenda. Financial performance is a key element within the assessment of the council's overall performance.

The expenditure in the Children and Young People's Service continues to be mitigated by constantly reviewing budgets and the continuation of a moratorium on spending within the Directorate.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

- Report to Cabinet on 6 March 2013 – Proposed Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2013/14.

This report has been discussed with the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Service and the Director of Finance.

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services
2.	Date:	9th April, 2014
3.	Title:	Admissions Consultation outcome in respect of entry in the 2015/16 academic year. (All wards)
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young Peoples Services

5. Summary

This report seeks approval of the proposed School Admission Policy / Coordinated Scheme for the admission year 2015/16.

6. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member:

Approves the Admission arrangements for the 2015/16 Academic Year following the completion of the annual consultation.

7. Proposals and Details

All Admission Authorities must consult by 1st March, in the determination year, on the admission arrangements for those schools for which they are responsible. The consultation must take place for a minimum of 8 weeks between 1st November and 1st March and a final determination made by 15th April 2014.

Admission Criteria for Community Schools

The current Admissions Policy for community schools for 2015/16 is attached as (**Appendix 1**). No changes are proposed to the **admission criteria** for 2015/16. Agreed Published Admission Numbers are attached as (**Appendix 2**).

Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements

The Authority currently co-ordinates admission arrangements during the normal admission round. The 2012 Code of Practice required this to be extended to cover in-year admissions for all year groups with effect from 2011/12. Our co-ordinated scheme has been amended to take account of the revised requirements. The co-ordination of schemes simplifies the admission process for parents which reduces the likelihood of a child being left without a school place

Waiting Lists

The Authority currently maintains waiting lists for children applying during the normal admission round. The Admissions Code of Practice requires that waiting lists are in place from September 2015 and continue for at least the first term of the academic year for both Primary and Secondary provision.

Catchment Areas

The Authority is required to consult on the details of any catchment areas to be used as part of the admission process. The current catchment areas are published on the RMBC website and available in hard-copy from the Admissions Team. No changes are proposed to the existing school catchment areas for 2015/16. Consultation will be undertaken to establish catchment area arrangements for the proposed new Central Primary School, a separate report will be submitted for approval at the outcome of consultations.

Fair Access Protocol (FAP)

The Admissions Code of Practice requires the Authority to have in place a Fair Access Protocol. The Fair Access Protocol exists to ensure that access to education is secured quickly for children who have no school place but for whom a place at a mainstream school is appropriate. It is also to ensure that all schools in an area admit their fair share of pupils with challenging behaviour, including children excluded from school. **This includes admitting children above the admission number to schools that are already full.** All schools and Academies in the authority must participate in the scheme. There are some exceptions and these are set out on the Code of Practice and LA Admission booklets. The scheme must be

monitored, include timescales and be included in the annual report to the School's Adjudicator. The Authority consulted on a revised FAP in March 2013 and this has been adopted from September 2013 and is published in both the Primary and Secondary School's Booklets. The Code of Practice also requires the Fair Access Protocol to include timescales, and also must include at a minimum the following categories:

- Children attending PRUs who need to be reintegrated back into mainstream education;
- Children who have been out of education for longer than one school term;
- Children whose parents have been unable to find them a place after moving to the area, because of a shortage of places;
- Children withdrawn from schools by their family, following fixed-term exclusions and unable to find another place;
- Children of refugees and asylum seekers;
- Homeless children;
- Children with unsupportive family backgrounds, where a place has not been sought;
- Children known to the police or other agencies;
- Children without a school place and with a history of serious attendance problems;
- Traveller children;
- Children who are carers;
- Children with special educational needs (but without a statement);
- Children with disabilities or medical conditions;
- Children returning from the criminal justice system; and
- Children of UK service personnel and other Crown Servants.

Statutory Closing Dates

The Code of Practice imposes national closing dates for both Primary and Secondary applications for the admission round in 2015/16. The date for Secondary is 31st October 2014 and the date for Primary is 15th January 2015. The date by which the Admission Booklet has to be published has been set for 12th September 2014.

Report to the Schools Adjudicator

The Admissions Authority is required to submit on an annual basis a report to the Schools Adjudicator by the 30th June on how the admissions arrangements have operated in the previous year. A template has been provided by the Schools Adjudicator for this purpose and reports submitted by the Authority meet this deadline annually.

8. Finance

The proposed changes are unlikely to have any significant effect in terms of the allocation of places to individual children. Some children may, under a Fair Access Protocol gain a place at a school which they otherwise would not have. Any implications for Schools would be subject to discussion between Schools, Schools Forum and the Local Authority.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

As in all admissions matters, there is always a risk of challenge. The new School Admissions Code has a stronger statutory basis than its predecessors and all admission authorities are now required **to act in accordance with** rather than simply **having regard to** the provisions, as was the case with earlier versions. The Code seeks to promote equity and fair access and the setting of fair oversubscription criteria.

There are always risks and uncertainties when school place provision is considered since future pupil numbers are based on estimations. Over provision at one school could influence pupil numbers at other schools. Local Authorities are obliged, however, to provide sufficient places, promote diversity and increase parental preference. (CYD0015/018 - Corporate risk register).

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The major theme supported by the proposal is 'to ensure that everyone has access to skills, knowledge and information to enable them to play their part in society'. Any changes to admissions criteria / co-ordinated schemes could have consequences for individual pupils. However, the proposed changes to admission numbers detailed seek to provide a fair, equitable and sustainable solution to the admissions process. It is unlikely that the proposed changes will have any significant impact on published performance indicators.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

The School Admission Arrangements Regulations 2008. The DfE Admissions Code of Practice (February 2012). The Authority's current admissions criteria for community schools is shown in Appendix 1. There is annual consultation on admissions arrangements, which takes place with school governing bodies and other LAs each Autumn Term and up to 1st March. The Authority's website contains detailed information on admission arrangements.

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**ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL -
REPORT TO GOVERNING BODIES – AUTUMN TERM 2013**

**CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ADMISSION YEAR
2015/16.**

i) Admission Numbers and Admissions Criteria

This item gives governors the opportunity to consider the admission arrangements (criteria and admission number), which will apply for admission in 2015/16. The Local Admission Forum has previously considered the requirements for consultation and has agreed that the LA should facilitate this, as far as possible, by use of the Authority's Internet site.

The timetable for the year is:-

Autumn Term 2013	Governing bodies consider the arrangements which will apply.
By 7th December 2013	All relevant details to be forwarded to the LA.
7th January – 1st March 2014	Period of consultation via the LA's website.
By end of March	LA and the Local Admission Forum consider any changes and forward any comments to appropriate Admission Authority (ies). Cabinet Member approval of arrangements.
By 15 th April 2014	All admission authorities to determine their arrangements and notify those consulted.

Community and Controlled Schools

For these schools, the LA is the admission authority. The admissions criteria for 2015/16 are shown at Appendix 1.

The proposed changes to the admission criteria are set out below and will apply for 2015/16.

Each school's proposed admission number is shown at Appendix 2.

Action: The Governing Body is requested to complete and return the pro-forma to Dean Fenton/Chris Stones, SAOENAS, Wing A, 1st Floor, Riverside House, as soon as possible and no later than 7th December 2013.

Voluntary Aided Schools/Academies/Trust Schools

The governing body is the admission authority. Full consultation is required.

If there are any proposed changes at Church of England schools, Governing Bodies should consult their Diocesan Board before consulting anyone else.

Action: Governing Bodies to consider both the admissions criteria and the admission number appropriate for the school. Full details of the admissions criteria and admissions number to be forwarded to the LA by 7th December 2013 to enable the full consultation with all the appropriate consultees to be carried out via the Internet. This should be done by e-mail to Dean.Fenton@rotherham.gov.uk Christopher.Stones@rotherham.gov.uk

Pro-forma to be completed and returned as for community and controlled schools.

Further General Point

All infant, J&I, Primary schools need to continue to be mindful of the need to maintain classes from FS2 to Y2 at 30 or less.

If you require any further information or would wish to discuss any matters relating to admission numbers/criteria/net capacity, please contact Dean Fenton/Chris Stones on 01709 254821/253831.

ii) **Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements**

The Authority co-ordinated admission arrangements during the normal admission round and in-year admissions for all year groups. The new School Admissions Code which came into effect in February, 2012 stated that there is no requirement to co-ordinate in-year admissions. Rotherham, along with many neighbouring Local Authorities proposes to continue to co-ordinate in-year admissions, as far as is possible. The Local Admissions Forum has expressed its collective view that this continues to be good practice and that they fully support co-ordinated admission arrangements. For 2015/16 there will be a few minor date changes to the Co-ordinated Schemes and it is noted that the new Schools Admissions Code specifies that the Primary Schools Offer Day from 2015/16 onwards is 16 April.

Action: To note the information.

iii) **Waiting List**

The Authority currently maintains waiting lists for pupils applying during the normal admission round. The Admissions Code of Practice required that waiting lists are in place and continue for at least the first term of the academic year. There are no proposed changes for 2015/16.

Action: No action required

iv) **Local Authority 'Admission to School' Information.**

The information is freely available on the Local Authority Website along with details on how to make an on-line-application. The Authority is currently able to satisfy above 90% first preferences for primary and secondary school. Much of the information is surplus to most parents' applications. Where parents are unsuccessful with their application separate guidance is available on the appeal procedures. All parents received a short summary explaining how to apply for a school place, a copy of the Common Application Form and information on how to access the on-line system.

Action: Governing Bodies to note that the Local Authority wishes to maintain the decision to only send a summary of the information contained in the admissions document to parents with full copies available on request and/or via the rotherham.gov.uk website.

The admission criteria for community and controlled schools for 2015/16 is shown below.

It should be noted that for a number of years the D.f.E. has given priority to looked after children. The new School Admissions Code which came into effect on February, 2012 has also prioritised previously looked after children. This is shown in the criteria below.

Primary Reception

Places will be allocated in the following order of priority:

Those who on the closing date are:

- i) Relevant looked after children and previously looked after children. (see note 3 below).
- ii) Children who have a specific medical reason confirmed by a medical practitioner which the Authority is satisfied makes attendance **at that particular school essential**.
- iii) Children with a compelling social reason which the Authority is satisfied makes attendance **at that particular school essential**. The kinds of overriding social reasons which could be accepted are where there is evidence that the pupil's education would be seriously impaired if he or she did not attend the preferred school. Parents should ensure that they attach full supporting information to the Common Application Form.
- iv) Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority who will also have an older brother or sister on the roll of the preferred school or its associated junior school at the time of their admission. Parents should ensure that they attach full supporting information to the Common Application Form.
- v) Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority.
- vi) Children who on the closing date live outside the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority whose older brother or sister will be on the roll of the preferred school or its associated junior school at the time of their admission.
- vii) Children who on the closing date live nearest to the school measured in a straight line on a horizontal plane (as the crow flies).

Year 3

Places in Year 3 at a Junior School will be allocated in the following order of priority:-

Those who on the closing date are:

- i) Relevant looked after children and previously looked after children (see note 3 below).
- ii) Children in attendance at Y2 in the associated Infant School.
- iii) Children who have a specific medical reason confirmed by a medical practitioner which the Authority is satisfied makes attendance **at that particular school essential**. Parents should ensure that they attach full supporting information to the Common Application Form.
- iv) Children with a compelling social reason which the Authority is satisfied makes attendance **at that particular school essential**. The kinds of overriding social reasons which could be accepted are where there is evidence that the pupil's education would be seriously impaired if he or she did not attend the preferred school. Parents should ensure that they attach full supporting information to the Common Application Form.
- v) Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority who will also have an older brother or sister on the roll of the preferred school at the time of their admission.
- vi) Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority.
- vii) Children who on the closing date live outside the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority whose older brother or sister will be on the roll of the preferred school at the time of their admission.
- viii) Children who on the closing date live nearest to the school measured in a straight line on a horizontal plane (as the crow flies).

Secondary Year 7

Places will be allocated in the following order of priority:-

Those who on the closing date are:

- i) Relevant looked after children and previously looked after children (see note 3 below).
- ii) Children who on the closing date have a specific medical reason confirmed by a medical practitioner which the Authority is satisfied makes attendance **at that particular** school essential. Parents should ensure that they attach full supporting information to the Common Application Form.
- iii) Children who on the closing date have a compelling social reason which the Authority is satisfied make attendance **at that particular** school essential. The kind of overriding social reasons which could be accepted are where there is evidence that the pupil's education would be seriously impaired if he or she did not attend the preferred school. Parents should ensure that they attach full supporting information to the Common Application Form.
- iv) Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority whose older brother or sister will be on the roll of the preferred school in Years 8-11 at the start of the academic year 2015.
- v) Children who on the closing date live in the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority.
- vi) Children who on the closing date live outside the catchment area of the school as defined by the Authority whose older brother or sister will be on the roll of the preferred school in Years 8-11 at the start of the academic year 2015.
- vii) Children who on the closing date are on the roll of one of the associated Primary/Junior/Junior and Infant schools as identified by the Authority.
- viii) Children who on the closing date live nearest to the school measured by a straight line on a horizontal plane, (commonly known as measurement, "as the crow flies").

Notes

- 1 Where the admission number for any school is likely to be reached mid category, places will be prioritised within that category by reference to the distance between the home address and the school. Highest priority will be given to those living closest to the school measured in a straight line on a horizontal plane (commonly known as measurement, "as the crow flies").
2. Where any final place at a school is available and two or more pupils are judged to be living equidistant from the school (e.g. in flats), the final place will be allocated by the drawing of lots by officers of the authority.

3. A 'relevant looked after child' is a child that is looked after by a local authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 at the time an application for admission to a school is made, and who the local authority has confirmed will still be looked after at the time when he/she is admitted to the school.

Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order). For further information please refer to the Admissions Code of Practice which can be downloaded from www.dfe.gov.uk

4. Places will be allocated in accordance with the LA's co-ordinated admissions schemes for Primary and Secondary schools. In assessing preferences, the LA will operate an 'equal preference' system, which means that no priority will be given according to the ranking of the preference, except where a potential offer can be made in respect of more than one school. In that situation, the final offer of a place will be made at the highest ranked of the potential offer schools.
5. Children issued with a statement of Special Educational Needs will gain a place at the school named in the statement as part of that process.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Appendix 2

School	Net Capacity	Indicated Admission Number	Admission Number 2014/2015	Proposed Admission Number 2015/2016	Comments
Anston Brook Primary	210	30	30	30	
Anston Greenlands J&I	210	30	30	30	
Anston Hillcrest Primary	210	30	30	30	
Anston Park Infant	225	75	75	75	
Anston Park Junior	300	75	75	75	
Aston CE J&I	210	30	30	30	
Aston Fence J&I	210	30	30	30	
Aston Hall J&I	315	45	45(30)	45(30)	Phased Increase
Aston Lodge Primary	210	30	30	30	
Aston Springwood Primary	210	30	30	30	
Aughton Primary	150	21	30	30	
Badsley Primary	630	90	90	90	Amalgamation approved WEF 1 January 2014
Blackburn Primary	316	45	56	56	
Bramley Grange Primary	315	45	45	45	
Bramley Sunnyside Infant	270	90	90	90	
Bramley Sunnyside Junior	360	90	90	90	
Brampton Cortonwood Infant	120	40	40	40	
Brampton the Ellis CE Infant	120	40	40	40	Currently Consulting on Amalgamation
Brampton the Ellis CE Junior	280	70	70(80)	80	Currently Consulting on Amalgamation and Expansion Proposals
Brinsworth Howarth J&I	210	30(45)	30(45)	30(45)	Temporary Increase phased
Brinsworth Manor Infant	240	80	80	80	
Brinsworth Manor Junior	320	80	80	80	
Brinsworth Whitehill Primary	296	42	42	42	
Broom Valley Primary	420	60	60(90)	60	Temporary Increase FS2
Canklow Woods Primary (Academy)	210	30	30	30	
Catcliffe Primary	210	30	30	30	
Coleridge Primary Academy	210	30	30	30	
Foljambe Campus* Thrybergh Academy & Sports College	140	20	30	30	*Amalgamation Proposals approved by Cabinet. Academy conversion April 14.
Dinnington Primary	270	38	43	43	
St Joseph's Catholic Primary (Dinnington) (Academy)	196	28	28	28	
East Dene Primary Academy	350	50	50	50	
Ferham Primary	210	30	30	30	
Flanderwell Primary	315	45	45	45	
Greasbrough J&I	270	38	50	45	Agreed to allow better structure of resources.

Harthill Primary	180	25	30	30	
Herringthorpe Infant	270	90	90	90	
Herringthorpe Junior	360	90	90	90	
High Greave Infant	180	60	60	60	
High Greave Junior	240	60	60	60	
Kilnhurst Primary	210	30	30	30	
Kimberworth Primary	210	30	30	30	
Kiveton Park Infant	162	56	56	56	
Kiveton Park Meadows Junior	180	45	59	59	
Laughton CE Primary	105	15	15	15	
Laughton J&I	146	20	24	24	
Listerdale J&I	210	30	30(45)	30(45)	Phased Expansion Proposals FS2 approved,
Maltby Craggs Primary	420	60	60	60	
Maltby Lilly Hall Primary	420	60	60	60	
Maltby Manor Primary	420	60	60	60	
Maltby Redwood Academy	240	34	45	45	
St Mary's Catholic Primary (Maltby) (Academy)	210	30	30	30	
Meadow View Primary	300	42	42	42	
Monkwood Primary	402	57	60	60	
Ravenfield Primary	210	30	30	30	
Rawmarsh Ashwood Academy	210	30	30	30	Academy converting April 14
Rawmarsh Rosehill Junior	240	60	60	60	
Rawmarsh Ryecroft Infant	180	60	60	60	
Sandhill Primary Academy	210	30	30	30	
Rawmarsh St Joseph's Catholic Primary	210	30	30	30	
Rawmarsh Thorogate J&I	210	30	30	30	
Redscope J & I	342	48	60	60	
Rockingham J&I	282	45	56	56	
Roughwood Primary	336	48	56	56	
Sitwell Infant	222	74	74	74	
Sitwell Junior	300	76	76	76	Academy conversion July 14.
St Ann's J&I	420	60	60	60	
St Bede's Catholic Primary (Academy)	280	43	43	43	
St Mary's Catholic Primary (Herr) (Academy)	208	30	30	30	
St Thomas' CE Primary (Kiln)	210	30	30	30	
Swallownest Primary	210	30	30	30	
Brookfield Primary Academy	300	45	45	45	
Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary	315	45	45	45	
Swinton Queen Primary	300	45	45	45	
Thornhill Primary	315	45	45	45	
Thorpe Hesley Infant	210	70	70	70	Currently Consulting on Amalgamation

Thorpe Hesley Junior	268	70	70	70	Currently Consulting on Amalgamation
Thrybergh Fullerton CE Primary	111	16	16	16	
Thrybergh Primary	245	35	37	37	Academy Conversion June 14.
St Gerard's Catholic Primary (Academy)	140	20	20	20	
Thurcroft Infant	180	60	60(75)	60(75)	Conditional Approval granted on Expansion Proposals, subject to Planning permission.
Thurcroft Junior Academy	286	70	70	70	
Todwick J&I	210	30	30	30	
Treeton CE Primary	315	45	45	45	
Trinity Croft CE J&I	112	16	16	16	
Wales Primary	210	30	30(45)	30(45)	Temporary Increase
Wath CE Primary	210	30	30(45)	30(45)	Phased Increase
Wath Central Primary	420	60	60	60	
Our Lady & St Joseph's Catholic Primary	209	30	30	30	
Wath Victoria J&I (Academy)	240	40	40	40	
Wentworth CE J&I	112	16	16	16	
West Melton J&I	160	28	28	28	
Whiston J&I (Academy)	210	30	30	30	
Whiston Worrygoose J&I (Academy)	210	30	30	30	
Wickersley Northfield Primary	419	60	60	60	
St Alban's CE Primary	205	30	30	30	
Woodsetts J&I	210	30	30	30	
Proposed New Central Primary	315	45	0	45	Phased Opening KS1 September 2015 and subsequent year groups thereafter

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

School	Net Capacity Figure	Indicated Admission Number	Admission Number 14/15	Proposed Admission No 15/16	Comments
Aston Academy, a Specialist School in Maths and Computing (Academy Trust)	1650	286	280	280	
Brinsworth Academy, a Science College (Academy Trust)	1487	255	255	255	
Clifton, a Community Arts School	1250	250	250	250	
Dinnington Comprehensive School specialising in Science and Engineering	1444	252	252	252	
Maltby Academy (Academy Trust)	1200	200	200	200	
Oakwood Academy	1050	210	210	210	
Rawmarsh Community School (Academy)	1075	215	222	222	Converting April 14.
Swinton Community School, a Maths & Computing College	1320	226	226	226	
Thrybergh Academy and Sports College*	704	140	140	140	*Amalgamation Proposals approved by Cabinet
Wales High School, a specialist College for Business and Enterprise with Applied Learning (Academy Trust)	1586	256	256	256	
Wath Comprehensive, a Language College	1800	300	300	300	
Wickersley School and Sports College (Academy Trust)	1923	300	300	300	
Wingfield Business and Enterprise College (Academy Trust)	845	170	170	170	

School	Net Capacity Figure	Indicated Admission Number	Admission Number 14/15	Proposed Admission N0 15/16	Comments
Winterhill School	1577	315	315	270	Academy conversion July 14.
St Bernard's Catholic High School, Academy Trust	792	158	140	140	
Saint Pius X Catholic High – a Specialist School in Humanities	685	137	130	130	

ADMISSION NUMBER FOR SIXTH FORMS

School Name	Admission Number for Y7-Y11	Proposed Admission Number for New Y12 Pupils 2015/16*
Aston Academy, a Specialist School in Maths and Computing (Academy Trust)	280	42
Brinsworth Academy, a Science College (Academy Trust)	255	38
Dinnington Comprehensive School specialising in Science and Engineering	252	37
Maltby Academy (Academy Trust)	200	30
Swinton Community School, a Maths & Computing College	226	34
Wales High, a specialist College for Business and Enterprise with Applied Learning (Academy Trust)	256	38
Wath Comprehensive, a Language College	300	45
Wickersley Schools and Sports College	300	45

* The published admission number must relate only to those being admitted to the school for the first time, and should be based on an estimate of the minimum number of external candidates likely to be admitted, although it would be acceptable to exceed this if demand for available courses can be met.

All the sixth form schools proposed Y12 figures are 15% of their Admission number. (Based on historical statistical data and previous DfE Admissions Code Guidance.)

**PRO- FORMA
ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION FOR 2015/16 ENTRY**

SAOSENAS

A) Community and Controlled Schools

1) There are no proposed changes to the LA's current admissions criteria applicable to community and controlled schools shown at Appendix 1, other than that specified by the D.f.E. in relation to previously looked after children. No comments are therefore sought on the admissions criteria.

2) The proposed Admission Number for 2015/16 is shown in Appendix 2.

Does the Governing Body -

Agree with the number

Disagree (tick as appropriate)

If disagree, the suggested admission number for the school is _____

Reasons:

B) Voluntary Aided Schools/Academies

1) There are no proposed changes to the current admission criteria, other than that specified by the D.f.E. in relation to previously looked after children.

or

Amendments will be made to the admissions criteria for the school admission year 2015/16

(tick as appropriate)

2) The proposed admission number for the school for 2015/16 is

Voluntary Aided Schools/Academies must forward a copy of their admissions policy to Dean Fenton/Chris Stones by the 7th December 2013.

C) All Schools

- 1) There are no proposed changes to the co-ordinated schemes applying to both Primary and Secondary schools other than a few minor date changes. It is noted that the Primary School Offer Day is 16 April, as per the new School Admissions Code. No comments are therefore sought on the co-ordinated schemes.
- 2) There are no proposed changes to the 'Waiting List' for Schools. We wish to continue to keep the waiting list open for the statutory one term for primary and secondary schools. No comments are therefore sought on the co-ordinated scheme.
- 3) There are no proposed changes to the Relevant Area which has previously been determined as the whole of the Rotherham Borough. No comments are therefore sought on the Relevant Area.

N.B. Please complete this pro-forma and return via email to Dean Fenton/Chris Stones or to the address **SAOSENAS, Wing A, 1st Floor, Riverside House, Main Street, Rotherham, S60 1AE** by no later than **7th December 2013**.

All voluntary aided schools and Academies must forward a copy of their full proposed admissions criteria via e-mail to Dean.Fenton@rotherham.gov.uk Christopher.Stones@rotherham.gov.uk by the above date, in order that appropriate consultation can be undertaken via the website.

(It is a statutory requirement that all voluntary aided schools and Academy admission policies are published (on the LA website) and available for public consultation by 7th January 2014)

Signature _____ Date _____

School _____