

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Children and Education Services
2.	Date:	16th February 2015
3.	Title:	Proposal to increase the Published Admission Number at Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

The Governing Body of Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School have requested an increase in current Published Admission number (PAN) arrangements from 42 to 45. As the request falls below the threshold for a 'prescribed alteration' under the requirements of the 'School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013' Cabinet Member approval is necessary to formalise the request.

6. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member approves:

- 1) the proposal for Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School to increase its Published Admission Number from 42 to 45 to provide additional school places from 2016/17 onwards on a permanent basis.
- 2) the school to commence this transition for the 2015/16 academic year in the interim period.

7. Proposals and Details

The proposal is to increase the School's current admission number from 42 to 45 from September 2015 onwards.

As the timeframe to increase the admission number formally within the admissions consultation for 2015/16 has passed, it is proposed to formally increase the admission number to 45 from 2016/17 onwards.

The next admissions consultation to be undertaken in the Autumn term 2015 will state the current admission number and increased future number. This will also allow the school to take up to 45 pupils in the 2015/16 Academic Year with the agreement of the Local Authority.

The increased Public Admission Number is being requested to accommodate projected higher cohort numbers in future years. The Local Authority has previously requested the School to consider this permanent increase.

8. Finance

Funding for the additional pupil places will be generated following the annual school census in October and funding allocated based on numbers on roll.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There are always risks and uncertainties when school place provision is considered since future pupil numbers and consequently, individual school budget funding, are both based on estimated projections at a point in time. Over provision at one school could have a negative impact on provision at other schools. Local Authorities have a duty, however, to provide sufficient places, promote diversity and increase parental preference.

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'. It is likely that the increase in Published Admission Number (PAN), would enable more parents to access their catchment area and first preference school for their child and, therefore, increase that performance indicator.

Rotherham School Improvement Mission:

- All children will make at least good progress
- There will be no underperforming cohorts
- All teachers will deliver at least good learning
- All schools will move to the next level of successful performance

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Annual School Admission arrangements Consultation

Annual School Capacity and Planning (SCAP) return to DfE

The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013

School Organisation (Maintained Schools) guidance for proposers and decision makers (January 2014)

School Admissions code 2012 & 2014 School Admissions code for 2016/17 Admissions onwards

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