

Meeting:	Harrow Admissions Forum
Date:	1 December 2008
Subject:	Admission Arrangements 2010-11
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Heather Clements, Director of Schools and Children's Development
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Anjana Patel, Schools and Children's Development
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Admission arrangements – Definitions Admission to Community Nurseries – 2010-11 Admission to Community Primary Schools 2010-11 Admission to Community High Schools 2010-11 Scheme of Co-ordination First, First & Middle and Middle Schools Scheme of Co-ordination 11+ Transfer Scheme of Co-ordination 12+ Transfer Fair Access Protocol Harrow's Relevant Area

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To review the admission arrangements, adopt recommendations detailed in the report and agree the consultation process on proposed admission arrangements to apply to Harrow community primary and high schools for the school year 2010-11.

REASON: To meet the statutory requirement to consult before determining admission arrangements

SECTION 2 - REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 Harrow is required to consult before determining its admission arrangements.

The 1998 Act (as amended by the Education Act 2002) also requires each LA to establish an Admissions Forum to provide a vehicle for admission authorities and other key interested parties to get together to discuss the effectiveness of local admission arrangements.

The Harrow Admissions Forum has a role to consider current admission arrangements to assess how well they serve the interest of local parents and children.

The arrangements proposed for consultation within this report may be subject to amendment in the light of new Code of Practice which will be effective for the 2010 admissions round and which should be made available by the Department for Children, Schools and Families early in January 2009.

1. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Primary schools

There is no proposal to amend the admission arrangements for Harrow community primary schools.

High schools

As detailed in the Report on the Feedback from the School Admissions Working Party there is a proposal to amend admission arrangements for Harrow community high schools, by removing the linked schools arrangements from the oversubscription criteria .

The proposed admission arrangements for co-educational high schools for September 2010 are:

1st priority CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER

2nd priority AGREED MEDICAL CLAIMS

3rd priority SIBLINGS ATTENDING THE SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME
(excluding students at the sixth form)

4th priority DISTANCE FROM HOME TO SCHOOL MEASURED IN A STRAIGHT
LINE

2. SCHEMES OF CO-ORDINATION

Primary Scheme: The proposed scheme, which varies from the 2009/2010 scheme only in its relevant dates, is offered for consideration as part of the consultation process.

11+ Transfer Scheme: The proposed scheme varies from the 2009/10 scheme in that it has been amended to be fully in line with the Pan-London Co-ordinated scheme for secondary transfer and is offered for consideration as part of the consultation process.

12+ Transfer Scheme: The proposed scheme, which varies from the 2009/2010 scheme only in its relevant dates, is offered for consideration as part of the consultation process.

RECOMMENDATION: To consult on draft schemes of co-ordination.

3. FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOL

There are no proposals to amend Harrow's current Fair Access Protocol.

RECOMMENDATION: To consult on adopting Harrow's current Fair Access protocol for the 2010-11 academic year.

4. HARROW'S RELEVANT AREA

As the admission authority for community schools, Harrow is required to consult the following before determining the admission arrangements:

- All admission authorities within the relevant area
- The Admissions Forum
- Admission authorities in neighbouring local authority areas

The relevant area means

- The area of the local authority
or
- Such other areas as may be determined

Harrow proposes to retain its current relevant area, namely that area within the borders of the London Borough Harrow.

Harrow will also consult admission authorities in neighbouring LA areas.

RECOMMENDATION: To consult on maintaining Harrow's relevant area as the administrative area of the London Borough of Harrow.

CONSULTATION

Consultation on admission arrangements will take place between 8 December 2008 and 13 February 2009 and will involve all statutory consultees, including parents and community groups

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Performance Issues

There are no performance issues arising from this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: N/A: