



CABINET

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**CABINET MEMBER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION AND
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Subject:	Determination of the 2019 school admission arrangements
Recommendations:	Cabinet is asked to ratify the amended Published Admission Number (PAN) for Blakesley CE Primary School, from 17 to 15, for the September 2019 intake. With the exception of this change, the admission arrangements for the 2019 intakes remain the same as those for the 2018 intakes and were previously agreed by Cabinet on 16 January 2018.

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The local authority (LA) has a statutory duty to act in accordance with the relevant provisions of the School Admissions Code ('the Code') and with the law that affects school admissions.
- 1.2 Cabinet was previously asked on 16 January 2018 to approve the 2019 admission arrangements for schools where Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) is the admission authority. However, there was an anomaly with the previous paper presented to Cabinet concerning Blakesley CE Primary School.
- 1.3 The School Admissions Code (2014, s. 1.4, p. 9) states that: "All admission authorities must consult [...] where they propose a decrease to the PAN." Following appropriate consultation on the admissions arrangements for Blakesley Primary School for 2019 entry, this paper asks Cabinet to ratify the reduction in the PAN for this school from 17 places to 15 places from September 2019.

2. How this decision contributes to the Council plan

The Council's vision is to make Northamptonshire a great place to live and work. This is achieved through increasing the wellbeing of your county's communities and/or safeguarding the county's communities.

This initiative specifically delivers increased wellbeing and/or safeguarding by ensuring that:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People of all ages are safe, protected from harm and able to live happy, healthy and independent lives in our communities. • People have the information and support they need to make healthy choices and achieve wellbeing.

- Resources are utilised effectively and efficiently, in coordination with partners and providers.

3. Background

- 3.1 All admission authorities must determine admission arrangements every year, even if the arrangements have not changed from previous years and a consultation has not been required.
- 3.2 Following the approval of the proposed admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools by Cabinet in January 2018, the paper seeks approval to reduce the PAN of Blakesley CE Primary School. The reason for so doing is due to an oversight in the previous paper where specific reference to Blakesley CE Primary's proposed PAN change was omitted.

4. Consultation and Scrutiny

- 4.1 In accordance with the requirements of the School Admissions Code, the proposal to reduce Blakesley's PAN was subject to a statutory process of consultation.
- 4.2 Consultation took place between 13 November 2017 and 12 January 2018. During that time, no consultation responses were received on this proposal.

5. Equality Screening

Reason that no EqlA is required	✓ as appropriate
The paper is for information only	
The proposal/activity/decision has no impact on customers or the service they receive	
The proposal impacts upon staff but the proposed staffing changes will not affect the service that customers receive*	
Other (Please explain further)	✓

*Where a proposal affects staff, the appropriate HR processes will be followed, which have already been subject to the EqlA process and will be compliant with HR legislation

The admission arrangements for entry to NCC schools in 2019 have not changed from 2018 arrangements, other than for Blakesley CE Primary School.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 With the exception of the proposed change to Blakesley CE Primary School's PAN, no changes to the 2018 admission arrangements were proposed, so no alternative options have been considered.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 This report concerns admission arrangements which do not, in themselves, have a financial bearing. Any possible impact on transport would be addressed under policies responsible for home to school transport.

8. Risk and Business Continuity Management

1. Risk(s) associated with the proposal

Risk	Mitigation	Residual Risk
NCC does not fulfil statutory obligations under the Code	NCC determines admission Arrangements.	Green

2. Risk(s) associated with not undertaking the proposal

Risk	Risk Rating
Admission arrangements may be considered to be unfair or contrary to the Code and NCC will be reported to the Schools Adjudicator	Red

9. List of Appendices

Details of the admission arrangements can be found in the school admissions section of the NCC website, whilst links to composite prospectuses for the primary and secondary phase are listed in the 'background papers' section of this report.

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Background Papers:	School Admissions Code https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-code--2 Applying for a Primary School Place in Northamptonshire 2018-19 Admissions booklet http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-school-places/Documents/Primary%20School%20Booklet%202017%20V8.pdf Applying for a Secondary School Place in Northamptonshire 2018-19 Admissions booklet http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/Documents/Secondary%20School%20Booklet%202018-19.pdf
Does the report propose a key decision is taken?	YES

If yes, is the decision in the Forward Plan?	YES
Will further decisions be required? If so please outline the timetable here	NO
Does the report include delegated decisions? If so, please outline the timetable here	NO
Is this report proposing an amendment to the budget and/or policy framework?	NO
Have the financial implications been cleared by the Strategic Finance Manager (SFM)? Have any capital spend implications been cleared by the Capital Investment Board (CIB)	YES Name of SFM: James Smith NO
Has the report been cleared by the relevant Director?	YES Name of Director: Lesley Hagger
Has the relevant Cabinet Member been consulted?	YES Cabinet Member: Andre Gonzales de Savage
Has the relevant scrutiny committee been consulted?	NO Scrutiny Committee:
Has the report been cleared by Legal Services?	YES
Have any communications issues been cleared by Communications and Marketing?	YES Name of officer: Simon Deacon
Have any property Issues been cleared by Property and Asset Management?	YES Name of officer: Ian Boll
Procurement/ Contractual Implications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you evidenced compliance with the Council's Contract Procedures Rules? • Have you identified where you are seeking Cabinet to approve an exemption from the Contract Procedure Rules and detailed the risks and mitigations? • Have you identified any EU or UK legislative risks associated with the exemption process such as non-compliance with the Public Contract Regulations Act 2015, transparency and open competition? • Have you identified the procurement or contractual risks associated with a contract? 	NO

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the contract/procurement been subjected to the Council's Commercial Board? 	
Are there any community safety implications?	NO
<i>Are there any environmental implications:</i>	NO
Are there any Health and Safety Implications:	NO
Are there any Human Resources Implications:	NO
Are there any human rights implications:	NO
Constituency Interest:	NO