

Decision Report

School Organisation

Determination of Admission Arrangements for Harrow Community Schools for 2020/21 including primary and secondary co-ordination schemes

Decision Maker: Interim Corporate Director People Services, Paul Hewitt following consultation with Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

Date of Decision: 11 December 2018

OFFICER DECISION RECORD FORM

Directorate and reference number

People Services Directorate

Subject matter

School Organisation – proposals to determine the Community Admission Arrangements for September 2020.

Decision taken

To approve decision to implement changes in school organisation that will reduce the Published Admission Numbers for three primary schools, Cedars Manor, Weald Rise Primary School and Welldon Park Primary School.

Date of decision

Tuesday 11th December

Date of relevant Council/Cabinet meeting (where the decision is taken following an express authorisation)

12th October 2018

Terms of any express authorisation

Cabinet agreed to consult on the proposals to reduce the Published Admission Numbers (PAN) as part of the Admission Arrangements for 2020 for Cedars Manor School, Weald Rise Primary School and Welldon Park Primary School.

Cabinet also agreed to delegate authority to the Interim Corporate Director People Services, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People, to consider formal representations and consultation responses and to decide whether to reduce the PANs of the schools named in the consultation.

Reasons for the decision

The proposed admission arrangements were consulted upon for 6 weeks from Monday 22 October until Friday 30 November 2018. All the schools in Harrow were notified and asked to inform parents at the school that Harrow were consulting on amending the admission arrangements for September 2020.

Notifications went to all PVI's, neighbouring LAs and representatives from the religious bodies. The information was also made available on Harrow Council's website for all residents to view.

During the consultation period no formal responses were received, one parent called to check whether this would mean that there would be sufficient school places. However seemed satisfied with the verbal response and did not follow this up with an email.

It is proposed therefore that the PANs from September 2020 are as follows:

School	PAN 2020
Cedars Manor Primary School	60

Weald Rise Primary School	60
Welldon Park Primary School	60

Alternative options considered/rejected by the officer

The Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to provide sufficient school places for its area and to make changes to schools. If the local authority does not reduce the PANs for the schools identified they would be vulnerable financially and all schools would experience greater levels of mobility.

Regulations made under Section 1 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 limit the size of an infant class (a class in which the majority of children will reach the age of 5, 6 or 7 during the school year) to 30 pupils per school teacher. This would mean that if a school had a PAN of 90 and 62 pupils applied and were offered a place the school would need to employ 3 teachers to teach the 62 pupils which would create a financial burden on the school as the schools funding is based on the number of pupil on roll.

Conflicts of interest

None

P Hewitt Corporate Director 11/12/2018
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