

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	23 September 2013
TITLE:	School Admissions
WARD:	ALL
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	
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1 THE ISSUE

1.1 To provide a briefing on the pattern of admissions to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2013.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Early Years, Children and Youth Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is asked to:

2.1 Consider and note the pattern of admissions to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2013.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4 THE REPORT

Primary Admissions

4.1 The closing date for September 2013 primary admissions was the 15th January 2013. The offer date was the 19th April 2013. Appendix A shows the individual detail for each school.

4.2 A total of 1649 children were offered their 1st preference school [93.4%]. The number of children refused their 1st preference school was 113 [6.6%]. In September 2012 these figures were 92.1% and 7.9% respectively. Only 26 children [1.45%] did not get a place at one of their preferred schools.

4.3 Following the initial allocations further rounds of allocations have taken place and appeals have been heard. The updated position at each school is attached as Appendix C.

Secondary Admissions

4.4 The closing date for September 2013 secondary admissions was the 31st October 2012. The offer date was the 1st March 2013. Appendix B shows the individual total for each school.

4.5 A total of 2019 children were offered their 1st preference school [94.9%]. The number of children refused their 1st preference school was 109[5.1%]. In September 2012 these figures were 93.79% and 6.39%. Only 3 children [0.14%] did not get a place at one of their preferred schools.

4.6 Following the initial allocations further rounds of allocations have taken place and appeals have been heard. The updated position at each school is attached as Appendix D.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 An EqIA has been completed. No adverse or other significant issues were found.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Young People; Human Rights;

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	
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