

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Children and Young People Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	15 September 2015	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	School Admissions – September 2015	
WARD:	All	
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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 2015.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Children and Young People Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider and note the pattern of admissions to Primary and Secondary Schools in September 2015.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 None

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The School Admissions Code is issued under Section 84 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.
- 4.2 The code specifies for applications in the normal admissions round, local authorities **must** provide a common application form that enables parents to express their preference to their home authority for a place at any state funded school, with a minimum of 3 preferences in rank order, allowing them to give reasons for their preferences.

4.3 The Local Authority has a statutory duty to make an offer of a place to each child on the national offer date for Primary and Secondary Schools.

5 THE REPORT

Primary Admissions

5.1 The closing date for September 2015 primary admissions was the 16th January 2015. The offer date was the 16th April 2015. Appendix A shows the individual details for each school.

5.2 A total of 88% of Bath and North East Somerset children were offered their 1st preference school compared to 92.83% in September 2014. However a total of 98% of Bath and North East Somerset children were offered one of their overall preferences.

5.3 Following the initial allocations further rounds of allocations have taken place and appeals have been heard. The updated position at each school is shown in the final columns in Appendix A.

Secondary Admissions

5.4 The closing date for September 2015 secondary admissions was the 31st October 2014. The offer date was the 2nd March 2015. Appendix B shows the individual total for each school.

5.5 A total of 95% of Bath and North East Somerset children were offered their 1st preference school compared to 93.62% in September 2014. However a total of 99% of Bath and North East Somerset children were offered one of their overall preferences.

5.6 Following the initial allocations further rounds of allocations have taken place and appeals have been heard. The updated position at each school is shown in the final columns in Appendix B.

6 CONSULTATION

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