

MINOR CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Committee name	Residents, Education and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee
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Papers with report	Proposed Changes to the Admissions Criteria for Community Schools - Cabinet Report
Ward	All

HEADLINES

Hillingdon Council has a statutory responsibility to secure sufficient early years and school places for children resident in Hillingdon. Over the last nine years, the Council has worked closely with schools in Hillingdon to successfully deliver an ambitious programme of school expansion to ensure every child living in Hillingdon can be offered a school place as close to home as possible.

The proposed changes to the school admissions criteria contained in the Cabinet report will ensure that we continue to provide fair placement and review the impact, so that priority is given to children to access places at schools as close to their home as possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Committee:

- 1. Review the proposed changes to the Hillingdon's Admissions Arrangements detailed in the Cabinet report.**
- 2. Consider responses from the consultation that will be provided during the meeting.**
- 3. Provide comments to be included in the Cabinet report which will be presented in January.**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The supporting information is set out within the attached Cabinet report.

Implications on related Council policies

A role of the Policy Overview Committees is to make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

None at this stage, pending any findings approved by Cabinet.

Once proposed changes are agreed it will ensure fair placement and that priority is continued to be given to children to access places at schools as close to their home as possible.

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Financial Implications

Corporate Finance has reviewed the cabinet report and confirmed that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations set out.

It is important that the Committee considers cost effective proposals that benefit resident taxpayers in relation to this review, which would ultimately be determined by Cabinet as part of the Council's broader budget planning process.

Legal Implications

The proposals for changes to the Council's admissions criteria, which the Cabinet Member has been invited to consider, do not fall within any of the "exempt" criteria referred to above and therefore, it is lawful for the Council to commence a consultation exercise in relation to these proposals.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.