

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education
Date	11 February 2020
Present	Councillor Cuthbertson (Executive Member)

18. Declarations Of Interest

The Executive Member confirmed that he had no personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, nor any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, to declare in the business on the agenda.

19. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 17 December 2019 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

20. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

21. Coordinated Admissions Schemes and Admission Arrangements for the 2021-2022 School Year

The Executive Member considered a report that sought approval of the admissions policies and published admission numbers for community and voluntary controlled schools, schools for whom the City of York Council was the admission authority, for the school year beginning in September 2021.

The report also sought approval of the coordinated admissions schemes for the City of York area, for which the City of York Council was the coordinating Local Authority, for applications to start the school year beginning in September 2021.

The School Admissions Manager was in attendance to present the report and following discussions around the general principles that should be applied when increasing or decreasing

the published admission numbers (PAN), the Executive Member noted the admission consultation responses received from all maintained schools, academies and from parents/carers. It was also noted that:

- Lakeside Primary School were committed to reviewing their PAN should numbers and/or demand increase again in the future.
- The PAN increase at Archbishop Holgate's CE School would be accommodated due to the planned expansion, which was due to be completed by September 2021.
- Huntington Secondary School would monitor and possibly review sixth form admission numbers as the pupil increases moved towards sixth form.
- Haxby Road Primary School had not requested a reduced PAN.
- Westfield Primary School's PAN required further discussion and would not be pursued within the 2021/22 consultation.

The Executive Member thanked the Officer for her update and he noted the coordinated schemes and admissions policies for all City of York Council schools for the 2021-2022 school year, as set out online in Annexes B – AB and he requested that future reports include printed copies of any admission policies that had been altered.

Resolved:

- (i) That the proposed published admission numbers for all City of York Council schools for the school year beginning in September 2021, as set out in Annex A, be approved.
- (ii) That the coordinated schemes and admissions policies for all City of York Council schools for the 2021-2022 school year, as set out in Annexes B – AB, be approved.
- (iii) That only the admission policies that had been altered be printed in the agenda pack.

Reason: To meet the statutory requirements of the School Admissions Code of Practice.

22. Additional Admissions Consultation for the 2021-2022 School Year Relating to Bishopthorpe Infant School.

The Executive Member considered a report that sought approval of the reduction of the published admission number (PAN) for Bishopthorpe Infant School for whom the City of York Council was the admission authority, for the school year beginning in September 2021.

The School Admissions Manager gave an update and confirmed that since the report was published, the projected birth rate data for the number of children expected to be born in the Bishopthorpe catchment area for 2022/23 had reduced to 14 and that the projected number of children expected to be living in the catchment at the reception year of entry for 2022/23 had reduced to 19, which was significantly below the proposed PAN.

In answer to the Executive Members questions, Officers confirmed:

- They had comprehensively responded to queries received within the consultation period and that no further replies had been received.
- Bishopthorpe Junior School would be changing their over subscription criteria to protect the transition for those pupils moving up from Bishopthorpe Infant School.

The Executive Member thanked Officers for their update.

Resolved: That the proposed published admission numbers for all City of York Council schools for the school year beginning in September 2021, as set out in Annex A, be approved.

Reason: To meet the statutory requirements of the School Admissions Code of Practice.

Cllr Cuthbertson, Executive Member
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.18 pm].