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Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education
Date	14 January 2025
Present	Councillor Webb
Officers in attendance	Maxine Squire – Assistant Director, Education and Skills Rachelle White – School Admissions Manager

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## **25. Declarations of Interest (10:00am)**

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that he might have had in respect of business on the agenda. The Executive Member declared that he was a teacher at an academy in York.

## **26. Minutes (10:02am)**

Resolved: That the minutes of the decision session held on 3 September 2024 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

## **27. Public Participation (10:02am)**

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

## **28. Admissions Arrangements for the 2026/27 School Year (10:04am)**

The School Admissions Manager presented the report and noted that schools had been given the opportunity to respond through a consultation process which ran for six weeks through October to November 2024.

The School Admissions Manager highlighted the key changes to schools Published Admission Numbers (PAN) as referred to in the report, and it was reported that contrary to information within the report, the PAN for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs RC School and St Wilfrid's RC School would maintain the same for 2026 admissions as they had been for 2025.

The Assistant Director, Education and Skills reported that schools were able to raise PANs within the scope of accommodating future children following sudden increases to the local population, such as due to the building of new housing developments.

The Executive Member encouraged schools to communicate effectively with City of York Council (CYC) and to make sure that information held by CYC was correct, and it was;

Resolved:

- That the proposed changes to the Admission Arrangements for September 2026-2027 based on the evidence shown in the Options Analysis and Evidential Basis section of the report be approved, subject to the amendment that the Published Admission Numbers (PAN) for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs RC School and St Wilfrid's RC School would maintain the same for 2026 admissions as they had been for 2025.

Reason: To ensure that City of York Council continues to meet its statutory duty as set out in the terms of the Education Act 1996 and also works collaboratively with Academy Trusts to meet that duty whilst also appreciating the financial pressure on schools and trusts.

## **29. Term dates for the 2026/27 School Year (10:13am)**

The School Admissions Manager presented the report and noted the advantages of aligning CYC's term dates with those of the neighbouring Local Authorities of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire Council, subject to their own determination processes, and it was;

Resolved:

- That the term dates provided in Annex C of the report be approved.

Reason: For City of York Council to meet the statutory requirements of legislation including the Education Act 2002, (Section 32), and other related legislation.

Cllr Webb, Chair

[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.18 am].