

The Supplementary Report of the Executive

The Executive met on 9 February, 2010. Present:- County Councillor John Weighell in the Chair. County Councillors Jim Clark, John Fort BEM, Heather Garnett, Carl Les, Chris Metcalfe, Caroline Patmore and Clare Wood.

Also in attendance: County Councillors Paul Richardson and Geoff Webber

5. School Admissions Arrangements 2011/12. A report on the proposed Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for the academic year 2011/12, including a revised appendix 4, was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 9 February 2010. The Executive also considered four submissions from members of the public, and statements by three members of the public who attended the meeting, together with statements from County Councillor Paul Richardson, Chairman of the Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and County Councillor Geoff Webber and email correspondence with Rt.Hon. David Curry M.P.

Although the proposals contained in the report affect schools throughout North Yorkshire, the contributions from members of the public and non-Executive members related, in essence, to the consultation on the proposed Admissions Policy for the three Harrogate Community Secondary Schools; Harrogate High School, Harrogate Grammar School and Rossett School. A number of concerns were expressed about the proposals and, in particular, the effect of the proposed tie break based on distance between the child's home and the school, set out in the proposed admissions criteria for those three schools, Appendix 5/3. The Executive noted, however, that the decision to review the admission arrangements for the three Harrogate Community Secondary Schools had been taken in response to two determinations by the Schools Adjudicator, which deemed the current arrangements unfair, and that other proposals for tie break solutions had not received strong local support.

Having considered the report and its appendices and all the written and oral submissions made at its meeting, and having agreed that Appendix 7 needed to be revised to show 26 nursery places at Ripon, Greystones Community Primary School, the Executive supported the proposals set out in the report.

The Executive RECOMMENDS:

- (a) That the Admissions Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools including Nursery Schools and Schools with Nursery or Pre reception classes for the academic year 2011/12, as shown in appendices 5/1 and 5/2. be adopted.
- (b) That the proposed Admissions Policy for the three Harrogate Community Secondary Schools for 2011/12, as shown in appendix 5/3, be adopted.
- (c) That the Co-ordinated Admissions Schemes for Primary and Secondary schools including the Fair Access Protocol 2011/12, as shown in appendices 5/4a(1), (2) and (3) be adopted.

- (d) That the proposed Published Admission Numbers for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools 2011/12, as shown in appendices 5/7 and 5/8 be approved, subject to Appendix 5/7 being amended to show 26 nursery places at Ripon, Greystones Community Primary School.
- (e) That the limits for Voluntary Aided, Foundation and Trust schools 2011/12, as also shown within appendices 5/7 and 5/8, be noted.

JOHN WEIGHELL

Chairman

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