

Committee: **Cabinet**

Date: **15 March 2005**

Title of Report: **Admissions to schools in 2006/07**

By: **Director of Children's Services, Education and Libraries**

Purpose of Report: **To determine the admission arrangements for 2006/07.**

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**Recommendation:**  
**The Cabinet is recommended to:**

- i) agree the co-ordinated admissions schemes for secondary and primary schools attached as Annexes 1 and 2;**
  - ii) agree the admission numbers outlined in Annex 3;**
  - iii) agree that the admissions criteria for 2006/07 will remain unchanged; and**
  - iv) note the comments made in Annex 4**
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**1. Financial Appraisal**

1.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the proposals.

**2. Supporting information**

2.1 Admission arrangements for 2006/07 for community and voluntary controlled schools must be determined by the Local Education Authority (LEA) by 15 April 2005 following consultation. A circular inviting comments on proposals for 2006/07 was sent to schools and neighbouring LEAs in December 2004. In particular views were invited on the following issues:

- The proposed co-ordinated schemes for primary and secondary admissions
- Proposed admission numbers for each school
- Any other issues schools might wish to raise

2.2 The content of the circular and the responses received have been considered by the School Admissions Forum.

2.3 All LEAs are legally required to have co-ordinated admission schemes. In East Sussex a co-ordinated scheme for secondary admissions has operated for two years and for one year for primary admissions. The proposed schemes for 2006/07 are attached as Annexes 1 and 2 and are broadly the same as the current schemes with minor adjustments to the wording and dates. No objections have been received to the schemes and the Cabinet is recommended to adopt the schemes attached.

2.4 Attached as Annex 3 are the proposed admission numbers (PAN) for each school. If schools have requested variations, wherever possible the PAN has been changed. The Cabinet is recommended to adopt the PANs proposed in Annex 3.

2.5 Annex 4 outlines the points made by schools on the proposed admission arrangements together with my comments on the points they have made.

### **3. Conclusion and Reason for recommendations**

3.1 The County Council is required by law to determine by 15 April 2005 the admission arrangements for schools in 2006/07 to enable the admissions process to commence. The Cabinet is asked to approve the arrangements on behalf of the County Council based on the content and recommendations contained in this report.

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Background Documents

Circular 230/2004

Agenda of the School Admissions Forum on 24 February 2005