

Committee: **Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability.**  
Date: **30 October 2017**  
Title of Report: **Admission arrangements for the 2019/20 school year**  
By: **Director of Children's Services**  
Purpose of Report: **To approve the annual statutory consultation exercise for the school admission arrangements for 2019/20**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Lead Member is recommended to:**

**Agree to consult on the proposed admission arrangements for the 2019/20 school year:**

- 1. To make a change to the community area for Hankham and Stone Cross primary schools so that the current discrete areas are merged to form one shared community area;**
  - 2. To include the community area formerly served by Rodmell CE Primary School in the community area for Iford & Kingston CE Primary School following the agreed closure of Rodmell CE Primary School;**
  - 3. To include the villages of Ditchling and Streat in Chailey Secondary School's community area to create a shared area with Priory School;**
  - 4. The proposed admissions numbers; and**
  - 5. The proposed co-ordinated admissions schemes.**
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**1. Background Information**

1.1 The School Admissions Code 2014 states that admissions authorities must determine their admissions arrangements annually. However, provided the relevant admissions authority is not proposing any changes to their admissions arrangements, there is a duty to consult every seven years.

1.2 As part of the consultation process, and in accordance with current statutory requirements, consultation will include parents, schools, the relevant Dioceses and neighbouring local authorities. Notification of the proposed arrangements will be posted on the Council's website.

**2. Supporting Information – the proposed changes**

***Hankham and Stone Cross community areas (primary)***

2.1 The community area change proposal in respect of Hankham and Stone Cross should help ensure that children are able to attend their nearest local school. A number of homes have been/are being built in the area between the two schools, straddling the community area boundary. Many of these homes are in the area for Hankham, which is a much smaller school with a PAN of 20. Meanwhile, many of the places at Stone Cross (which has a PAN of 60) are occupied by children living within Eastbourne borough, where there are numerous other schools available. However, some of these children are geographically closer to Stone Cross primary school than those in the new homes, and under current arrangements would therefore be more likely to be offered places at Stone Cross, despite having more local alternatives.

2.2 The proposal is to merge the community areas for Hankham and Stone Cross primary schools, giving children living in the area priority for both schools. This would create a shared area served by both schools, as shown on the attached maps.

### ***Rodmell and Iford and Kingston Community areas (primary)***

2.3 Following the closure of Rodmell CE Primary School, the proposal is to extend the community area for Iford and Kingston CE Primary School to include the community area previously served by Rodmell CE Primary School. The Lead Member is advised that capacity at Iford & Kingston CE School has been increased from a PAN of 20 to a PAN of 30 and the County Council's forecasts show that the school has the capacity to accommodate these children, who are few in number.

### ***Community area for Chailey School (secondary)***

2.4 The proposal is to include the villages of Ditchling and Streat in the area for Chailey School. These villages currently fall within the community area served by Priory School but are geographically closer to Chailey. The Lead Member is advised that currently very few pupils from these areas attend Priory School as it is inconvenient for public transport. A map is attached to show the affected area. This change would mean that children living in this area would be in the community area for both Chailey and Priory Schools.

### ***Additional information***

2.5 Appendix 3 shows the proposed admissions numbers for community and voluntary controlled schools for the 2019/20 school year. For ease of reference, the proposed admission numbers (as far as they are known to the county council) are included in italics. The Lead Member is asked to note that this is for information only and subject to change.

2.6 With reference to Appendix 3, attention is drawn to the proposal to increase the PAN of Polegate Primary School from 60 to 90 (subject to necessary planning consent) and to reduce the PANs of Forest Row Community Primary School and Uplands Community College from 45 to 30 and from 168 to 150 respectively.

2.7 Appendix 4 outlines the co-ordinated admission schemes for the 'normal' years of entry, i.e. reception classes, transfer between infant to junior schools and on transfer between primary and secondary school

2.8 The Lead Member is advised that an Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken as part of the consultation process.

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

3.1 The County Council is required by law to carry out consultation on admissions arrangements every seven years or sooner if any changes to those arrangements for the schools where the local authority is the admissions authority. The Lead Member is recommended to agree to consult on the attached admissions arrangements for 2019/20 with the minor proposed changes outlined in section 2 above.

3.2 The results of the consultation will be reported back to the Lead Member after the consultation period closes in January 2018 with recommendations for amendments as necessary resulting from comments received. Final admission arrangements will be determined by 15 March 2018, and subsequently published.

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Background Documents:

- School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- The School Admissions (Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012
- The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2014
- The School Information (England) Regulations 2012
- School Admissions Code 2014

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Proposed Admissions criteria

Appendix 2- maps showing the areas in question: 2a) and b) show the Hankham/Stone Cross proposal, and map 2c) shows the proposed shared area between Chailey School and Priory School

Appendix 3 - Admission numbers

Appendix 4 - Co-ordination Admission Schemes – normal year of entry