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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services

**SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2021/22
ACADEMIC YEAR – (Young People)**

1. Purpose of Report

To report on the annual consultation, and to seek Cabinet approval for the proposed determined admission arrangements for the academic year 2021/22.

2. Information and Analysis

The regulations concerning school admissions – namely, the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012 and the statutory Department for Education 'School Admissions Code' (December 2014) – require that the admission arrangements for the 2021/22 academic year are consulted for a minimum of 6 weeks between 1 October 2019 on before 31 January 2020, and determined by no later than 28 February 2020.

Consultation information was posted on the Derbyshire County Council website from 10th October 2019, setting out the proposed changes to arrangements for the 2021/22 academic year.

The following were also consulted:

- (a) Community, Voluntary Controlled, Academy, Voluntary Aided and Foundation primary and secondary schools in Derbyshire.
- (b) Neighbouring Local Authorities and Diocesan Authorities.

- (c) Neighbouring authority schools which are adjacent to the County boundary and may be affected by Derbyshire's arrangements.

The consultation was publicised by schools' extranet and e-mail on 14th October 2019. The consultation period has now ended and there have been no responses.

There are no changes proposed to the over-subscription criteria for community and controlled schools.

Establishment of a normal area for Highfields Spencer Academy and reduction of the normal area for Findern Community Primary School

A new free school, Highfields Spencer Academy, is due to be constructed to serve part of the Highfields Farm residential development. The site for the new school is currently located within the primary normal area of Findern Community Primary School. A new normal area is proposed to serve Highfields Spencer Academy. A map is shown within the PAN change document attached to this page. The map shows the area that will become the Highfields Spencer Academy normal area. The area will be removed from the normal area of Findern Community Primary School.

Highfields Spencer Academy is due to open in September 2020 but the new arrangements are proposed from 2021 to ensure that provision is available should the delivery of the school be delayed. Co-ordinated admissions arrangements will be in place from 2021.

A copy of the arrangements is available on the Derbyshire County Council website.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/admissions/2021-to-2022/school-admission-arrangements-2021-to-2022.aspx>

Published Admission Numbers [PANs] Following consultation, changes to the school Published Admission Numbers (PANs) listed in Annex 2 are recommended. These have all been agreed by the schools. All of these changes are in line with revised net capacity assessments.

The only school where the PAN is less than the indicated admission number (IAN, which is usually the minimum number) is now Spire Junior School. The published number is 50 while the indicated admission number is 51. This was agreed in 2008/9 following

consultation within the community so that the PANs of Spire Infant and Spire Junior School are co-ordinated. No change is proposed this year.

Fair Access Protocols There are no changes to the Fair Access Protocols. Copies of the Primary and Secondary Fair Access Protocols are available on the Derbyshire County Council website. <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/admissions/2021-to-2022/school-admission-arrangements-2021-to-2022.aspx>

Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme It is proposed to make no significant changes to the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme, other than to bring forward relevant dates into the 2021/22 admission rounds.

3. Legal Considerations

This report relates to the Local Authority's duty, under Sections 88C and 88D of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and Part 2 of the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012, to consult on and thereafter determine the admission arrangements for maintained schools for which the Authority is the admission authority.

Among the matters to which the consultation must relate is the proposed Published Admission Number for the 'relevant age group' (i.e. the year group to which children are normally admitted, specifically: the Reception Class at a primary or infant school, Year 3 at a junior school and Year 7 at a secondary school).

All admission authorities (i.e. the Local Authority in the case of community and voluntary controlled schools, the governing body in the case of voluntary aided and foundation schools and the Academy Trust in the case of academies and free schools) are required to determine their admission arrangements on an annual basis by no later than 28 February each year ("the Determination Year" and defined by the 'School Admissions Code' as *the school year immediately preceding the offer year. This is the school year in which admission authorities determine their admission arrangements*). The arrangements so determined will apply to the next-but-one academic year. For example, arrangements determined by the Authority on (or shortly before) 28 February 2020 will apply to admissions the 2021/22 academic year.

Where changes are proposed to admission arrangements, the admission authority must first publicly consult on those arrangements by 31 January in the Determination Year. If no changes are proposed, they must be consulted on at least every seven years.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Prevention of Crime & Disorder, Equality of Opportunity and Environmental, Financial, Health, Human Resources, Property, Social Value and Transport Considerations.

5. Background Papers

School Admissions Code (DfE December 2014).

Schools Admissions Appeals Code (DfE February 2012).

2019/20 Consultation documents.

Proposed Admission Arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Derbyshire for the 2019/20 academic year.

6. Key Decision

No.

7. Call-in. Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in this report?

No.

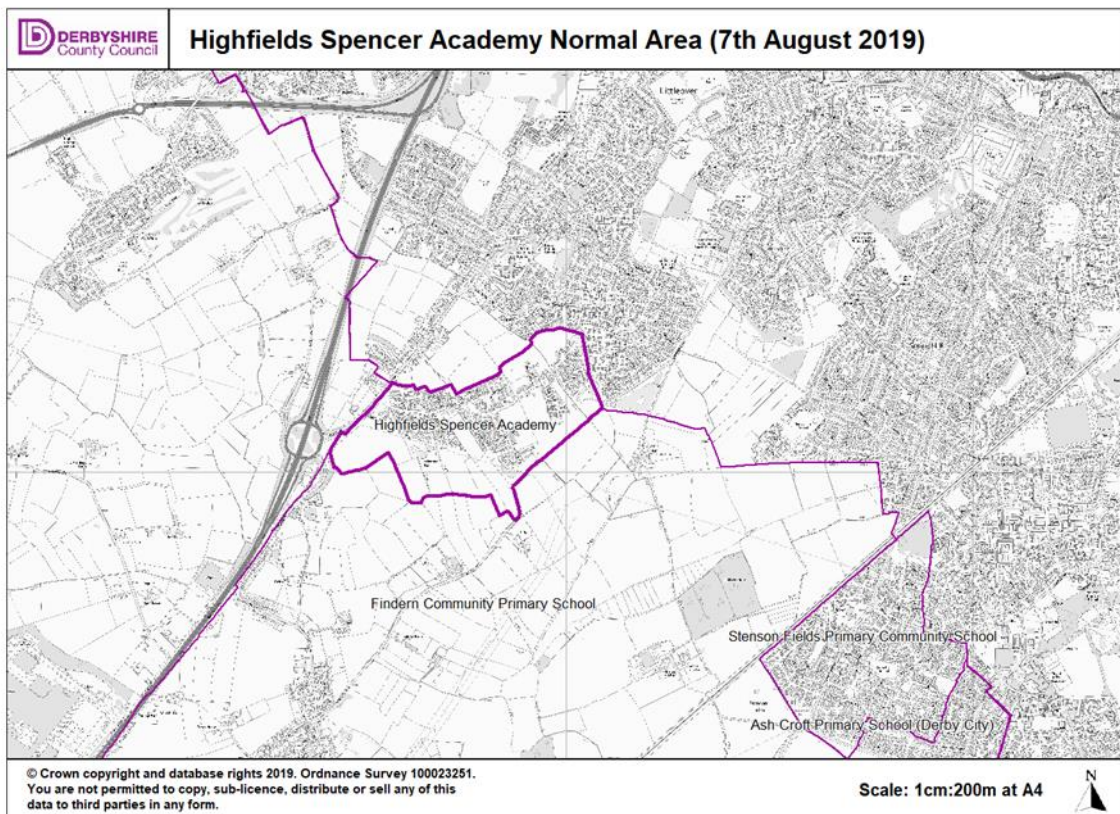
8. Executive Director's Recommendations

That Cabinet considers the outcome of the consultation and approves the proposed determined admission arrangements for the academic year 2021/2022 which are summarised as the following_

- (i) The new normal area for Highfields Spencer Academy as detailed in Annex 1
- (ii) The PANs as listed in Annex 2

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Annex 1 – Map of Highfields Spencer Academy



ANNEX 2

Published Admission Numbers for Community and Controlled Schools for 2021/22

As a result of a review of the accommodation of the schools and the net capacity assessment of the buildings, proposed changes to Published Admission Numbers (PANs) for 2021/22 are as follows –

<u>School</u>	<u>Movement of PAN</u>	<u>Details</u>
Reduction		
Melbourne Infant School	70 to 60	School organisation review
Increases		
Bolsover Infant and Nursery School	70 to 75	Additional Accommodation
St Oswald's CE (VC) Primary School	20 to 30	Additional Accommodation
Woodbridge Junior School	45 to 60	School organisation review

All other PANs remain as published in the 2020/21 arrangements.