

Admissions Committee

Meeting held 15 April 2015

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs (Chair), Pauline Andrews, Olivia Blake and Andrew Sangar

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards and Ian Saunders.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on item 6 on the grounds that, if the public and press were present during the transaction of such business, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18th March, 2015 were approved as a correct record.

5. ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

5.1 The Committee noted that, since its last meeting, no decisions had been made by the Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, under powers delegated to her with regard to home to school transport or school admissions.

6. SCHOOL ADMISSION REQUESTS - SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES - REQUEST TO PRIORITISE ON WAITING LIST

6.1 The Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families, submitted reports and commented upon two cases where parents had expressed a wish for their child to be admitted to secondary schools of their choice. The Executive Director stated that places in secondary schools had been identified by the City Council, in accordance with the published admission criteria, and it had been agreed that the Executive Director would provisionally allocate places at those schools where there were available places, up to the standard number/admission limit. The Committee was requested to consider prioritising the pupils on waiting lists, within their respective categories, for admission if and when places become available.

6.2 The Committee gave consideration to all the supporting information and evidence provided by the pupils' parents including, in both cases, evidence and advice provided by voluntary or professional bodies and organisations and, arising therefrom, it was:-

6.3 RESOLVED: That (a) one pupil be not prioritised on the waiting list within their respective category, on the grounds that there are no exceptional educational, financial, medical or family circumstances demonstrated (Case Nos.HS1); and

(b) one pupil be prioritised at the top of the waiting list in the 'catchment' category on the grounds that there are exceptional medical circumstances (Case No.BIR).

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, 13th May, 2015, at 1.00 p.m. in the Town Hall.