

# CABINET MEMBER DECISION

## **Decision:**

Fair Access Protocol 2021-2022

### **(i) Details of decision**

That the proposed Fair Access Protocol for 2021/22 was approved.

### **(ii) Reasons for decision**

- The local authority is required to have a Fair Access Protocol in place that all schools must participate in.
- The proposed Protocol meet the requirements of the new School Admissions Code, which came into effect on 1 September 2021.
- The Protocol will ensure that vulnerable and unplaced children can be placed in school quickly where they are unable to secure a place through the normal in-year admissions procedure.
- When seeking to place a child under the Protocol, no school will be asked to take a disproportionate number of children who have been permanently excluded from other schools, who display challenging behaviour, or who meet one of the other categories set out in the protocol.
- It is proposed to consult schools more fully on the practical operation of the Protocol in the autumn term once term is underway and schools become familiar with the requirements of the new School Admissions Code.

### **(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected**

None.

### **(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report**

None.

## **Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted**

**(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)**

None

## **Decision taken by:**

- (i) Name:** Denise Turner-Stewart
- (ii) Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for Education & Learning Decisions

**Date of Decision:** 14 September 2021

**Date of Publication of Record of Decision:** 14 September 2021

**Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Environment and Transport Select Committee): 21 September 2021**