

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
12 JULY 2018	PUBLIC REPORT

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NATIONAL OFFER DAY - PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ALLOCATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Heads of Schools Infrastructure	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee note the status of allocations of schools places for September 2018 into Primary Reception Year and Secondary School Year 7.</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report originated at the request of the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee and at the request of the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and University.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 This report is being presented as status report for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council :

Education, including

- a) University and Higher Education;
- b) Youth Service;
- c) Careers; and
- d) Special Needs and Inclusion.

2.3 This report links to the Corporate Priority - Improved educational attainment and skills

2.4 This report links to the Children In Care Pledge - Support Children In Care to have a good education.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 It is a statutory duty of the Local Authority to ensure there are sufficient school places in its primary and secondary education system.

4.2 National Offer Day for school places into **Primary Reception Year** for September 2018 was 16 April 2018. The table below shows the number of offers made against the Published Admission Number along with the percentage of pupils being offered their 1st, 2nd or 3rd preference :

Published Admission Number (PAN)	3296
No of offers made	2826
Vacancies	470
%age of pupils offered 1st Preference	91.2%
%age of pupils offered 2nd Preference	5.8%
%age of pupils offered 3rd Preference	1.3%

As at Monday 18 June 2018, as a result of late applications and offers made, there are 297 vacancies for reception year this September.

Following the In Year Allocation w/c 18 June the following vacancies are in each year group :

Reception Year	92
Year 1	47
Year 2	49
Year 3	53
Year 4	98
Year 5	107
Year 6	83

The key challenges remain to create local places for local children and the planning of areas of continual challenge remain as Hampton, Woodston and Fletton and the Rurals. Woodston School is due to expand from September 2019 to 3 forms of entry. Expansion options are being considered at John Clare and Eye primary schools as a result of recent and planned housing growth.

4.3 National Offer Day for school places into **Secondary Year 7** for September 2018 was 1 March 2018. The table below shows the number of offers made against the Published Admission Number along with the percentage of pupils being offered their 1st, 2nd or 3rd preference :

Published Admission Number (PAN)	3039
No of offers made	2468
Vacancies	571
%age of pupils offered 1st Preference	80.6%
%age of pupils offered 2nd Preference	10.7%
%age of pupils offered 3rd Preference	3.2%

As at Monday 18 June 2018, as a result of late applications and offers made, there are 259 vacancies for Year 7 this September.

Following the In Year Allocation w/c 18 June the following vacancies are in each year group :

Year 7	237 (8%)
Year 8	105 (4%)
Year 9	179 (6%)
Year 10	360 (9%)
Year 11	N/A end of term

The challenge for secondary school system is the creation of additional places into year 7 from 2019 to meet the demand arising from the growth in primary school pupil numbers in recent years. 2 forms of entry expansion projects at Ormiston Bushfield Academy and Nene Park Academy complete in August 2018. It is proposed that Ken Stimpson School will also expand by 2 forms of entry from September 2019. Options to create bulge years from 2019 and 2020 onwards are under consideration with a number of schools until the new Paston Reserve Secondary School is built. Subject to the Government's Free School Programme and a successful bid this school is targeted to open for September 2021 providing 8 forms of entry.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Not Applicable.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 The anticipated outcome of this report is that Council has an up to date understanding of the offers for school places made on National Offer Day and to date, along with the number of vacancies in reception year and year 7.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 The challenge of meeting the demand for school places remains a constant pressure in Peterborough as a result of significant population growth in recent years. The School Organisation Plan is reviewed annually and presented to Scrutiny Committee each year. Continuous monitoring and scrutiny is required to ensure the Council remains on track to provide sufficient school places and meet its statutory duty.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 Do Nothing - The consequences of not continually reviewing and reporting on school places will mean that the Council runs the risk of not being able to provide sufficient school places and will be in breach of its statutory duty.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 Being unable to offer local school places to local children and making directions can result in transport costs for the Council.

Legal Implications

- 9.2 The legal implication is that the Local Authority is responsible for the provision of sufficient school places.

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 None

Rural Implications

- 9.4 None

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 None