

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Admissions Committee

Meeting held 21 June 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Chris Rosling-Josephs (Chair), Craig Gamble Pugh, Talib Hussain, Chris Peace and Andrew Sangar

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Andy Nash.

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 meetings of the Committee held on 19th April and 17 May, 2017 were approved as correct records..

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, People Services, 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 - PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES - PRIORITISATION ON WAITING LIST AND/OR NEW APPLICATION

6.1 The Executive Director, People Services, submitted reports and commented upon three cases where parents had expressed a wish for their children to be admitted to primary schools of their choice. The Executive Director stated that places in primary 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 places available, up to the standard number/admission limit. The Committee was requested to consider granting a fresh right of appeal and/or 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 evidence and information provided by the pupils' parents including, in some 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 prioritised at the top of the waiting list in the 'catchment' category on the grounds that there are exceptional family circumstances (Case No. D1);

(b) one pupil be prioritised at the top of the waiting list in the 'catchment' category and a new application be granted, based on the fact that there are new circumstances which were not available when the original application was submitted; (Case No. S1); and

(c) one pupil be prioritised at the top of the waiting list in the 'non-catchment' category on the grounds that there are exceptional family circumstances (Case No.E1).

7. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

7.1 It was noted that future meetings of the Committee would be held at 1.15 p.m. on 19th July, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November and 20th December, 2017 and 17th January, 21st February, 21st March and 18th April, 2018.