



REPORT TO EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - 21 MARCH 2019

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION LIMITS AND REVISED RESERVED SPACES

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Approve the Secondary School Admission Limits for 2019/20, as detailed in sections 2.7 to 2.11 below.**
- 1.2 Approve the number of reserved places for Secondary Schools for 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix 1.**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 On 22 March, 2018, the Education and Children's Services Committee agreed the current S1 admission limits, based on new capacities for all Aberdeenshire Secondary Schools.
- 2.2 Admission limits require to be reviewed regularly and varied to adapt to demand for in-zone places. These variations must be approved by the Education and Children's Services Committee.
- 2.3 To ensure that the number of reserved places is appropriate and relevant to each school setting, the Learning Estates team has calculated both the use of reserved spaces over a period of four years and an average change in roll for S1 to S4. Appendix 1 outlines the reserved places per school.
- 2.4 Over the last two years, the Learning Estates team has processed 483 placing requests for secondary schools. Of these, 38 placing requests have been refused when the school has reached its limit, in order to safeguard the reserved places for in-zone pupils. These have been at a small number of schools.
- 2.5 The recommended admissions limits for S1 in 2019/20 and recommended reserved places for the cohort S1 2019/20 through to S4, are shown in Appendix 1.
- 2.6 The majority of Secondary School S1 limits will remain the same, although the following schools will require an adjustment to their limit.
- 2.7 Aboyne Academy - The current S1 Admission Limit is 150. The latest figure available for the number of in-zone P7 pupils who will require S1 places in session 2019/20 is 128. An Admission Limit of 140 for the 2019/20 S1 year group is therefore proposed.

- 2.8 Alford Academy - The current S1 Admission Limit is 145. The latest figure available for the number of in-zone P7 pupils who will require S1 places in session 2019/20 is 128. An Admission Limit of 140 for the 2019/20 S1 year group is therefore proposed.
- 2.9 Kemnay Academy - The current S1 Admission Limit is 200. The latest figure available for the number of in-zone P7 pupils who will require S1 places in session 2019/20 is 202. An Admission Limit of 210 for the 2019/20 S1 year group is therefore proposed.
- 2.10 Mearns Academy - The current S1 Admission Limit is 140. The latest figure available for the number of in-zone P7 pupils who will require S1 places in session 2019/20 is 100. An Admission Limit of 120 for the 2019/20 S1 year group is therefore proposed.
- 2.11 Meldrum Academy - The current S1 Admission Limit is 190. The latest figure available for the number of in-zone P7 pupils who will require S1 places in session 2019/20 is 183. An Admission Limit of 200 for the 2019/20 S1 year group is therefore proposed.
- 2.12 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3 Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section E 3.1a of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance, as it relates to setting school capacities, considering available accommodation and capping school rolls.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because pupils will continue to be educated in line with nationally-agreed accommodation standards, and by changing school capacities, there will not be a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no direct staffing and financial implications arising from this paper.
- 4.3 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level; [Social risk \(e.g. population changes, poverty & social, inequality, demographic, changes, crime, antisocial behaviour\)](#). The following risk has been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level; [A Workforce Fit For The Future](#)

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APPENDIX 1

| School | Published Capacity | Working Capacity | S1 current Admission Limit | Average change in roll S1 to S4 | Total of in zone S1 cohort 2019 | Recommended S1 Admission Limit 2019-20 | Recommended Reserved Places S1 to S4 |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Aboyne | 750 | 750 | 150 | -4 | 128 | 140 | 2 |
| Alford | 700 | 700 | 145 | 5 | 128 | 140 | 4 |
| Banchory | 900 | 1050 (T) | 160 | 3 | 130 | 160 | 4 |
| Banff | 1220 | 1220 | 240 | 2 | 154 | 240 | 4 |
| Ellon | 1300 | 1300 | 240 | -2 | 206 | 240 | 3 |
| Fraserburgh | 1510 | 1510 | 300 | -1 | 227 | 300 | 2 |
| Inverurie | 1100 | 1300 (T) | 240 | 3 | 185 | 240 | 6 |
| Kemnay | 700 | 1180 (T) | 200 | 5 | 202 | 210 | 6 |
| Mackie | 1290 | 1640 (T) | 260 | 1 | 191 | 260 | 2 |
| Mearns | 700 | 700 | 140 | 5 | 100 | 120 | 6 |
| Meldrum | 980 | 980 | 190 | 5 | 183 | 200 | 10 |
| Mintlaw | 900 | 900 | 180 | 3 | 146 | 180 | 3 |
| The Gordon Schools | 980 | 1160 (T) | 160 | 1 | 124 | 160 | 2 |
| Peterhead | 1700 | 1700 | 340 | 11 | 275 | 340 | 4 |
| Portlethen | 970 | 970 | 180 | 2 | 148 | 180 | 4 |
| Turriff | 840 | 870 (T) | 160 | 6 | 115 | 160 | 5 |
| Westhill | 1000 | 1000 | 180 | 1 | 152 | 180 | 2 |

(T) – Temporary Accommodation

