



# **Moray Council**

## **Revised Admissions to Schools Policy**

### **Public Meetings**

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## Milne's High School Public Meeting (16.02.2016)

### In attendance:

Graham Jarvis (Head of Lifelong Learning, Culture & Sport)  
Paul Watson (Senior Education Adviser for Schools Consultations)  
Sarah Crowe (Community Support Officer)

Sally Stewart (Education Scotland)

### Elected Members In Attendance:

Cllr John Divers (Scottish Labour Party)  
Cllr Margo Howe (Scottish National Party)

### Number of Community Representatives in Attendance:

4

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Following on from the rezoning Moray secondary schools proposal presentation, Graham Jarvis and Paul Watson carried out a presentation on revised Admissions to Schools Policy proposal. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

### Questions & Answer Session

<b>Q</b>	This Policy is for every school in Moray?
<b>A</b>	Yes. (PW)
<b>Q</b>	What about the non EU pupils?
<b>A</b>	The current Policy does not mention non EU pupils, but we are aware that there may a level of demand for non EU pupils in the future. Admission of non-EU pupils would have to be discussed with the Director of Education and Social Care and other senior officers before any decision on admission would be made. (PW)
<b>Q</b>	Are the catchment areas for the denominational schools the same as non-denominational?
<b>A</b>	We have not proposed any changes to the RC school zones at this time. (PW)  The historical diocese, which form the RC school catchment areas, have larger catchment areas than the other primary schools. The transport arrangements are for within the catchment areas. There are a higher percentage of pupils receiving transport compared to that of non-denomination schools. (GJ)
<b>Q</b>	If someone is out of zone do they receive transport?
<b>A</b>	If they live in the RC Schools' catchment areas delineated by the diocese lines (which are shown on our maps) they are entitled to free transport but those out

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	with these boundaries are not. (GJ)
<b>Q</b>	What is the distance for providing transport for a primary school pupil?
<b>A</b>	Two miles for both primary and secondary pupils. If a child lives less than two miles from the school and there are no safe walking routes to their school, transport would be provided. This is a small number. (PW)  For example, some children in Inveravon, in Speyside are provided with transport as there are no safe walking routes to the schools. (GJ)

Paul Watson concluded the meeting by thanking those in attendance for coming along and participating.

## Lossiemouth High School Public Meeting (22.02.2016)

### In attendance:

Graham Jarvis (Head of Lifelong Learning, Culture & Sport)  
Paul Watson (Senior Education Adviser for Schools Consultations)  
Sarah Crowe (Community Support Officer)

Sally Stewart (Education Scotland)  
Linda Brown (Lossiemouth High School, Head Teacher)

### Elected Members In Attendance:

Cllr John Divers (Scottish Labour Party)  
Cllr Allan Wright (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)  
Cllr James Allan (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)  
Cllr John Cowe (Independent)  
Cllr Chris Tuke (Independent)  
Cllr Denis Slater (Independent)

### Number of Community Representatives In Attendance:

2

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### Questions & Answer Session

<b>Q</b>	Is the early entry procedure for the primary school and is it mirrored in the Policy for early entry to secondary schools?
<b>A</b>	The early entry is for four year olds early entry to primary school. The secondary school early entry is taken on an individual child basis; there are provisions in place for this scenario. (PW)

Paul Watson concluded the meeting by thanking those in attendance for coming along and participating.

## **Elgin Library Public Meeting (23.02.2016) (Afternoon session)**

### **In attendance:**

Paul Watson (Senior Education Adviser for Schools Consultations)  
Sarah Crowe (Community Support Officer)

### **Elected Members In Attendance:**

Cllr John Divers (Scottish Labour Party)  
Cllr Mike Shand (Scottish National Party)

### **Number of Community Representatives In Attendance:**

4

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Following on from the rezoning Moray secondary schools proposal presentation, Paul Watson carried out a presentation on revised Admissions to Schools Policy proposal.

### **Questions & Answer Session**

There were no questions raised with regards to the revised Admissions to Schools Policy; all further questions pertained to the rezoning Moray secondary schools.

Paul Watson concluded the meeting by thanking those in attendance for coming along and participating.



## Elgin Library Public Meeting (23.02.2016) (Evening session)

### In attendance:

Paul Watson (Senior Education Adviser for Schools Consultations)  
Sarah Crowe (Community Support Officer)

### Elected Members In Attendance:

Cllr John Divers (Scottish Labour Party)  
Cllr Mike Shand (Scottish National Party)  
Cllr Denis Slater (Independent)

### Number of Community Representatives In Attendance:

8

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### Questions & Answer Session

<b>Q</b>	With regards to the early entry options, what are the reasons behind there being a 'no appeal' option for refusal for early entry?
<b>A</b>	There is no current legislation that covers the appeals process. If early entry is refused and the parent is dissatisfied with the reason given, that can be pursued via the Councils complaints process. (PW)  Every child has to be taken as an individual; we cannot take the one size fits all option. Consideration needs to be given to the transparency of the criteria for early entry and the assessment process. This may help in the understanding of why early entry requests have been refused. (PW)

Discussion was held on the requirements for early entry.
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Discussion took place on the needs of the Military families and how differences of the English and Scottish education establishments / policies impact.
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Paul Watson concluded the meeting by thanking those in attendance for coming along and participating.