



Glasgow City Council

Executive Committee

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**Item 2**

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**PROPOSALS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL RESERVED PLACES  
FOR SCHOOL SESSION 2015/16**

**Purpose of Report:**

This report seeks Executive Committee approval to apply a specific number of reserved places for named primary schools for session 2015/16 commencing in August 2015.

**Recommendations:**

The Executive Committee is asked to:

- note the successful implementation of the reserved places provisions in the current school session;
- agree to modify the factors for determining reserved places for session 2015/16 based on the first year's experience;
- agree the list of schools and number of places to be reserved in each for school session 2015/16.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No  consulted: Yes  No

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## **1 Background**

- 1.1 On 23 January 2014 the Executive Committee agreed in principle to utilise the reserved places provision within the placing request legislation in order to safeguard places for children living within a school's catchment area.

The reason for the utilisation of the reserved places provision within the Education (Scotland) Act 1991 as amended by the Standards in Schools Act 2000 is that after decades of a decreasing population across the city the population of Glasgow has started to increase. Over the next decade the primary age population is predicted to rise between 13% and 18%.

- 1.2 The use of reserved spaces is part of an approach to manage the education estate in a strategic manner and address capacity issues before they develop.

- 1.3 The allocation of spaces at any school in rank order is:

- Catchment children
- Reserved spaces
- Placing requests

- 1.4 On 3 April 2014, the Executive Committee agreed a methodology and a range of factors for determining the level of reserved places in primary schools for school session 2014/15. In total the Executive Committee agreed to reserve a determined number of reserve places in 32 primary schools across the city to ensure that the Council could meet demand for catchment area places outwith the normal timetable for enrolment.

- 1.5 Recognising that session 2014/15 was the first year of utilising the reserved places provisions within the placing request legislation the Executive Committee noted that a further report would be submitted setting out proposals for reserved places for school session 2015/16 taking account of the experiences and lessons learnt in the current session.

## **2 Experience of First Year of Operation**

- 2.1 Overall the introduction of reserved places has worked well, safeguarding places for catchment area children either enrolling after the normal enrolment timetable or safeguarding places for future years' demand based on forecasts of catchment area needs.

- 2.2 In October of this year the Council's provision of reserved places was appealed to the Sheriff Court by a parent of a child wishing to attend a primary school in the West of the city by placing request that had been refused. The appeal was rejected, the Court finding in favour of the Council in that it had appropriately applied the provisions within legislation to safeguard places for future catchment area demand.

2.3 Whilst the headteachers of the schools allocated reserved places appreciated the need for them, some concern was expressed that the numbers being set aside was too high and above what might be required. In practice this proved to be the case and consequently it is proposed to modify the factors used to determine the number of reserved places required.

2.4 The table below details the factor used for session 2014/15 alongside the revised factors proposed for session 2015/16.

	<u>Session 2014/15 No of Places Reserved</u>	<u>Session 2015/16 (Proposed) No of Places Reserved</u>
<u>Factor 1</u>		
Primary schools with a current catchment area waiting list	3	3
<u>Factor 2</u>		
The projected pupil roll exceeded the capacity of the school within 7 years	14	7
<u>Factor 3</u>		
The number of late enrolments of catchment children:		
• 0 – 5 pupils	7	-
• 6 – 10 pupils	3	1
• 11 – 20 pupils	7	2
• above 20 pupils	10	4
<u>Factor 4</u>		
Other known factors eg planned housing developments	7	10

Note: A maximum of 10 reserved places in any primary school for session 2015/16. The maximum for session 2014/15 is 17.

2.5 Based on the updated factors for determining the primary schools and levels of reserved places to be allocated for session 2015/16 this will see an increase from 32 to 45 primary schools.

2.6 Details of the primary schools and the numbers of places to be reserved for school session 2015/16 are provided in the Appendix to this report.

### 3 Council Strategic Plan Implications

#### Resource Implications:

*Financial:* Effective use of the provisions within the Act will assist in minimising the need to extend schools to accommodate children within a catchment area or employ additional staff due to the need to re-classify year groups.

*Legal:* Details of the legal provisions are contained within the body of the report.

*Personnel:* As noted under financial implications.

*Procurement:* N/A

**Council Strategic Plan:** Specify which theme(s) and outcome(s) the proposal supports.

Priority 5: A Learning City

#### Equality Impacts:

*EQIA carried out:* Yes

*Outcome:* No significant impact

#### Sustainability Impacts:

*Environmental:* Use of the provisions within the Act will support the management of the education estate and the supply and demand of school places across the city.

*Social:* The use of reserved places aims to ensure that local children can attend their catchment area school.

*Economic:* The utilisation of the provision within the Act will ensure that the Council effectively manages catchment area demand for families moving within and from outwith Glasgow.

## **4 Recommendations**

### **4.1 The Executive Committee is asked to:**

- note the successful implementation of the reserved places provisions in the current school system;
- agree to modify the factors for determining reserved places for session 2015/16 based on the first year's experience;
- agree the list of schools and number of places to be reserved in each for school session 2015/16.

## RESERVED PLACES

## ALLOCATION 2015/16

## APPENDIX 1

ESTABLISHMENT	Factor 1 - Reserved Spaces allocated due to waiting list	Factor 2- Projected Capacity Exceeded		Factor 3 - Reserved Spaces allocated due to late enrolment	Factor 4 - Other Matters	TOTAL RESERVED SPACES 2015 (per formula)
Alexandra Parade	0	N/A	0	1	0	1
Annette Street	3	N/A	0	4	0	7
Avenue End	0	2015/16	7	0	0	7
Broomhill	0	N/A	0	1	0	1
Caldercuilt	0	2018/19	7	0	0	7
Cardonald	3	N/A	0	1	0	4
Craigton	0	2017/18	7	2	0	9
Crookston Castle	0	EXTENSION	0	0	0	0
Cuthbertson	3	N/A	0	4	0	7
Dalmarnock	0	2017/18	7	2	0	9
Garnetbank	0	2020/21	7	1	0	8
Golfhill	3	N/A	0	1	0	4
Hillhead	3	2014/15	7	4	0	Max 10
Hillington	0	2019/20	7	2	0	9
Holy Cross	3	N/A	0	4	0	7
Hyndland	3	N/A	0	2	0	5
Mount Florida	0	N/A	0	1	0	1
Mount Vernon	3	2016/17	7	0	0	10
Our Lady of Peace	3	N/A	0	1	0	4
Pirie Park	3	N/A	0	1	0	4
Quarrybrae	0	2016/17	7	2	0	9
Riverside	0	N/A	0	1	0	1
Sandaig	3	N/A	0	1	0	4
St Albert's	0	N/A	0	2	0	2
St Angela's	3	N/A	0	2	0	5
St Benedict's	0	2018/19	7	2	0	9
St Bernard's	0	2015/16	7	1	0	8
St Bride's	3	N/A	0	4	0	7
St Catherine's	3	N/A	0	1	0	4
St Charles'	0	N/A	0	0	0	0
St Constantine's	0	2016/17	7	1	0	8
St Fillan's	3	N/A	0	1	0	4
St Francis'	0	2019/20	7	2	0	9
St Joseph's	0	2017/18	7	2	0	9
St Mary's (Maryhill)	0	2019/20	7	1	0	8
St Monica's (Milton)	3	2020/21	7	2	0	Max 10
St Paul's (Shettleston)	0	2017/18	7	1	0	8
St Saviour's	0	2015/16	7	2	0	9
St Teresa's	0	2020/21	7	0	0	7
St Thomas'	0	2019/20	7	1	0	8
St Timothy's	3	2017/18	7	1	0	Max 10
St Vincent's (Carn)	3	2014/15	7	2	0	Max 10
Swinton	3	2015/16	7	0	0	10
Wallacewell	0	2017/18	7	1	0	8
Whiteinch	0	2017/18	7	1	0	8
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>289</b>