

Children and Families Scrutiny Panel – Monitoring report

Scrutiny Monitoring – 16th November 2017

Date	Title	Recommendation	Action Taken	Progress Status
28/09/17	Educational Attainment in Southampton	1) That a breakdown of Key Stage 2 performance by school in Southampton is circulated to the Panel, including trend data where possible.	Circulated to the Panel – 6/11/17 Hard copies to be provided at the meeting	Completed
		2) That the recently published provisional Key Stage 4 Progress 8 results for Southampton schools are circulated to the Panel.	Circulated to the Panel – 6/11/17 Hard copies to be provided at the meeting	Completed
		3) That officers investigate: a) The thresholds being applied by the local providers of post 16 education with regards to accepting Level 4 or Level 5 attainment, and; b) The support that is being offered by local providers of post 16 education to students who are awaiting the outcomes of Key Stage 4 appeals.	This varies according to departments within colleges. The overall requirement tends to be a grade 4, but some departments eg Science ask for a grade 5. There seems to be little consistency between different post 16 providers. Those that are oversubscribed have more departments asking for grade 5's than those that are keen to recruit. Where a school makes a strong case that an appeal is likely to be successful, the post 16 provider may well be supportive until the remark has been completed.	Completed
		4) That the finalised Key Stage exam results for Southampton, including the performance of Looked After Children, are presented to the 25 January 2018 meeting of the Panel. It is requested that the presentation references the work that is being undertaken to support Key Stage 4 attainment at schools in the east of Southampton.	January 2018 agenda item	
		5) That, in preparation for the Panel's scheduled post 16 education discussion in March 2018, consideration be given to a suitable measure of progress for Key Stage 5 providers /results.	March 2018 agenda item	

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		6) That, for future Key Stage 5 Executive Summary reports, attempts are made to obtain and report vocational outcomes alongside A-Level results.		
		7) That anonymised destination data for the 2016/17 Key Stage 4 Looked After Children cohort is appended to the Educational Attainment report requested for the 25 January 2018 Panel meeting.	January 2018 agenda item	
		8) That, to evidence the commitment to improve educational outcomes for Looked After Children, the Panel are, at the 25 January 2018 Panel meeting, provided with anonymised case studies showing how the performance of Looked After Children is being tracked, and how targeted support is being provided to Looked After Children to help them to achieve their potential.	January 2018 agenda item	
		9) That, in addition to Key Stages 2 and 4 data, Southampton's Key Stage 5 Looked After Children data is included within future educational attainment reports to the Panel.		
28/09/17	Monitoring report	1) That, in response to the findings that the Capita contract now includes no obligations with regards to apprenticeships, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills raises the issue within Cabinet and seeks to identify opportunities to encourage Capita to participate in the Council's approach to maximising apprenticeship opportunities.	Response provided in September 2017: The Lead Apprenticeships Advisor checked what the provision was within the Capita/SCC contract for apprentices, it was noted that: <i>Capita's corporate social responsibility obligations as regards apprentices were removed with effect from 1 April 2016 as part of the most recent major renegotiation of the SSP contract, the SSP Reset.</i>	
		2) That officers circulate to every Southampton City Councillor the table identifying the latest Ofsted rating for each Southampton school. The Panel requested that the table is accompanied by an explanatory covering report and that the schools previous Ofsted rating is added to the table.	This is in train to ensure that elected members have the latest Ofsted outcomes.	