

Children and Families Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Monitoring – 26 January 2023

Date	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
29/09/22	Educational Attainment in Southampton	1) That consideration is given to an additional meeting of the Panel to focus on educational attainment with a focus on scrutinising the use of catch up funding; the soon to be published Key Stage 4 national results, including Progress 8; and, Early Years Foundation Stage performance.	The Scrutiny Manager will liaise with the Chair and the Divisional Head of Education and Learning about the merits of an additional meeting of the Panel to discuss the points raised. Consideration will be given to inviting the Chairs of the Headteacher Forums in Southampton.	Partially complete
29/09/22	Post 16 Provision, Participation and NEET	1) That the Panel are kept informed of key developments concerning the proposed city wide solution to Post 16 provision in Southampton.	We have requested a comms release from the DfE (FE Commissioner) on the City-Wide Solution - some of what they have told us in our catch up meetings will be confidential. When he comes back to the service, we will share the information with the Scrutiny Panel. The relevant Cllrs and CEx are up to speed with this workstream.	Partially complete
29/09/22	Children and Learning Improvement Plan & Performance	1) That the key findings from the audit of re-referrals are summarised within, or appended to, the performance report to be considered at the 24 November 2022 meeting of the Panel.	This audit is being scoped with Hampshire Children's Service to begin in December 2022. Recommendation that findings are shared at the first scrutiny panel in 2023.	Partially complete
24/11/22	Placement Sufficiency	1) That the Chief Executive and Executive Management Team ensures that Council services, that are required to act to help deliver the proposed residential children's homes, work proactively to enable homes to open as soon as possible.	Executive Director – Children & Learning has confirmed that corporate support is in place. Oversight of project will be taken on by new C&L Head of Resources and further updates will be provided to scrutiny panel as part of the 2023 schedule.	Complete
		2) That, following the University of Southampton's development of a Civic University agreement, the Council utilises the opportunity to encourage the University to become a Fostering Friendly employer.	The Cabinet Member for Children and Learning is writing to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Southampton to progress this opportunity.	Complete

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24/11/22	Children & Learning - Performance	1) That the Panel are provided with an overview of the ethnicity of children and young people engaging with safeguarding services.	Overview attached as Appendix 2	Complete
		2) That learning from audits is included as an agenda item at a future meeting of the Panel.	Included in papers for 26 January 2023 CFSP meeting.	Complete