

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT IN SOUTHAMPTON
DATE OF DECISION:	28 SEPTEMBER 2023
REPORT OF:	SCRUTINY MANAGER

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

There are three confidential appendices attached to this report. The confidentiality of Appendices 1, 3 and 5 is based on Category 7a of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. It contains information which is subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

BRIEF SUMMARY

At the meeting the Panel will be considering provisional 2022/23 Key Stage exam results in Southampton and a number of associated educational issues. To help facilitate the discussion, appended to the report is an analysis of Southampton's schools provisional Key Stage 2, Key Stage 4 and A-level exam results in 2022/23.

Reflecting that attainment is not achieved in isolation, information relating to a range of issues that contribute to attainment is also attached to this report. The appendices cover the following issues:

- School attendance
- Elective Home Education
- Post 16 participation, NEET and unknown

RECOMMENDATIONS:

	(i)	That the Panel consider the provisional key stage results and supplementary information, as detailed in the appendices, and discuss with the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning, and invited officers, educational attainment in Southampton.
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REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	To enable a discussion with the Cabinet Member and officers on educational attainment in Southampton.
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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2.	None.
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DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3.	Provisional 2022/23 key Stage 2, Key Stage 4 and A-Level exam results for Southampton have been published. Appendices 1- 5 provides a breakdown of the provisional results with some high-level analysis.
4.	To provide context to the provisional Key Stage 2, 4 and A-Level results, attached as confidential Appendices 1, 3 and 5, is a breakdown of provisional results by schools/colleges in the city.
5.	To provide context to the exam results, attached as appendices are a number of briefing papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 6 details actions being undertaking to improve school attendance in Southampton. • Appendix 7 outlines the trends and activity relating to elective home education in Southampton. • Appendix 8 informs the Panel about Post 16 participation and NEETS.
6.	The Divisional Head of Education and Learning will present an overview of the results at the meeting and the contextual information. The Panel are requested to use the information provided to discuss educational attainment in Southampton with the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning and the Divisional Head of Education and Learning.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue/Property/Other

7.	None
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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

8.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
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Other Legal Implications:

9.	None
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RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.	None
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POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

11.	N/A
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KEY DECISION?	No
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WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Confidential – Key Stage 2 Summary
2.	KS4 Headline Results for Southampton Local Authority 2023 – Provisional
3.	Confidential - Southampton Schools Provisional GCSE Results 2023
4.	A-Level Results Day Headline Outcomes 2023 – Southampton

5.	Confidential - Southampton Schools/Colleges Provisional A-Level Results 2023
6.	Working Together to Improve School Attendance
7.	Elective Home Education
8.	Post 16 Participation, NEETs and Unknown

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
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Data Protection Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
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Other Background Documents

Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None