

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting9th October 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

School Performance 2013-14

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented a headline, summary analysis of school performance in the academic year 2013 - 2014.

The report detailed the following key areas:-

- Primary Phase – Early Years and Foundation Stage
- Primary Phase – Key Stage 1
- Primary Phase – Key Stage 2
- Secondary Phase – Key Stage 4
- Post 16 Education
- Attendance and Exclusion
- Performance of Vulnerable Groups

Some of the headline outcomes included:-

- 50.1% of children in Stockton achieved a Good Level of Development in Primary Phase – Early Years and Foundation Stage
- End of KS1 2014 outcomes showed increases in all elements (2b+ and 3+) from 2013 outcomes. In 2013, the LA was below national averages for all 6 key measures. Compared to 2013 national averages, 2014 LA outcomes were above in 4 outcomes (2b+ in reading, writing and maths and also in maths Level 3+); equal in writing Level 3+ and below in reading Level 3+ (2013 below by 4%; 2014 below by 2%). Ensuring children achieve higher levels in Reading and Writing at the end of Key Stage 1 will be a focus for the 0-11 team in 2014-15.
- From a 4 year highest ever result in 2013, results in maths at Level 4+ showed a decline of 0.1% and a 2.5% decline at Level 5+. Both results remained higher than any previous outcomes prior to 2013. The change to the maths tests may have affected outcomes. (Before 2014, children were allowed to use calculators to answer questions in Paper 2 of the maths test. No calculators were allowed in any paper in 2014.) Improving pupils' attainment in maths at the end of Key Stage 2 would be a focus for the 0-11 team in 2014-15.

- With regard to Key Stage 4 highly performing schools such as Egglecliffe, All Saints and Conyers had maintained high scores. One of the Borough's larger schools had performed well, Northfield, which had seen its best outcome for five years. Some of the small schools in the Borough had seen sharp decreases in performance, such as Bishopsgarth and St Patrick's. (Small schools were vulnerable as 5 pupils may mean a difference of between 5% - 7%.) Grangefield and Bishopsgarth remain below the 40% floor standards for 5 x A* - C including English and Maths. Overall the outcomes for 5 x A* - C including English and Maths had dropped from 2013 at by 2.1%. A table within the report gave the outcomes against the performance indicator of 5 x A*-C. There had been a sharp fall in the results this year. This was due in part to the different values placed on non- GCSEs and the reduction in the number that could be counted in performance tables towards the 5 x A*-C total. The changes in the discounting system had also had an impact.
- With regard to Post 16 Education, Conyers had improved the % of students achieving A*-B grades from 2013 to 52.9% which was an increase of 4.2% (the national figure in 2013 was 52.8%). Other providers had declined in their A*-B percentage. Egglecliffe had slipped from 58.1 in 2013 to 51.4%. SSFC had also dropped 7%. SRC had dropped 3.8%. Nationally there was a drop reported. All providers had maintained their strong A*-E percentage and were in line with or above the National value for 2013.
- At Key stage 4, the results for disadvantaged pupils showed a slight improvement as gaps had narrowed except for 5 x A8-C where there had been a huge dip in results overall. Whilst gaps had narrowed, it was likely they would still be more than the gaps nationally.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The standards and achievement across the Borough be noted.
3. Reasons for the Decision
The annual report on school standards across the borough enables Cabinet to monitor standards and achievement and to evaluate the impact of local authority monitoring, challenge, intervention and support.
4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected
None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cook declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 – School Performance 2013/14 as he was a member of Billingham South Primary School and Norton Primary School Governing Bodies.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 – School Performance 2013/14 as he was a member of Frederick Natrass Primary School Governing Body.

Councillor Beall declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 – School Performance 2013/14 as he was the Chair of Rosebrook Primary School Governing Body.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 17th October 2014

Proper Officer
13 October 2014