

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting19th January 2023

1. Title of Item/Report

Educational Attainment for Vulnerable Pupils 2022

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented a summary analysis of vulnerable pupil performance in the academic year 2021 – 2022 for all key stages and all providers in the Borough. It was informed by the latest available data, some of which was unvalidated and compared to national averages where they exist. It included performance outcomes for:

1. Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding;
2. Performance by gender;
3. Black and minority ethnic children;
4. Children and young people in our care ;
5. Children with special needs;
6. Attendance and exclusion.

Key messages included:-

- Educational performance and achievement in Stockton-on-Tees remained the best in the region across almost all aspects and across phases.
- Performance and achievement in Stockton-on Tees was above available national averages across almost all aspects and across phases.
- However, attainment levels, as in the rest of the country, were down on 2019 for early years and primary children which suggested a significant impact of the pandemic, though the decline in performance was less in Stockton-on-Tees than for national, regional and statistical neighbours.
- Gaps between vulnerable students and overall attainment had widened the pandemic has had the biggest impact on more vulnerable pupils in early years and primary. This again mirrors national data and trends.
- We have a significant support and challenge offer to schools to address performance and to target interventions to close gaps.
- We will also address these issues as part of the implementation plan for the Fairer Stockton-on-Tees framework which prioritises the best start for children and young people.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The annual report on standards for vulnerable groups 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

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

N/A

Proper Officer
23 January 2023