

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 31 January 2012

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

EIT Review of School Effectiveness

At their last meeting on 14 December, the Committee received base line information in respect of services falling within the remit of the review:

- School Improvement
- Inclusion (including attendance and behaviour)
- Governor Support
- SICTU
- Education Centre Staffing
- Workforce Development (Children and Adult)
- Looked after Children in Education Team
- Redhill Returners Unit
- Specialist Learning Team

The following issues were highlighted/ discussed:

- Currently there were low exclusion rates, good attendance levels, no schools in an OFSTED category and there has been improvements in attainment
- The Committee noted that services falling within the school improvement had already achieved their savings target as part of earlier review work and staffing numbers had reduced from 82 to 41 FTEs
- Members asked that the impact of the School Inclusion Review be monitored
- The impact of academies/ free schools
- The continued availability of the multilingual service
- The development of the Prospectus of Services to Schools including the costed service
- The scope to grow the costed and brokerage service
- Additional resources for schools with numbers of child protection cases

The Committee are due to receive initial options at their next meeting on 25 January 2012.

This review is scheduled to report to Cabinet in March.