

Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee

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Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Scrutiny Review of Child Poverty

The review is focussing on health and educational issues and seeks to understand:

- The extent of child poverty in Stockton and related levels of need and impact
- The policies, services and interventions in place to address child poverty in Stockton in the context of national policy and evidence of best practice
- How well current policies, services and interventions address the extent of child poverty in Stockton and the related need, including any potential gaps
- The changes that may be made to policies, services and interventions based on best practice, national recommendations, evidence base and data

The scheduled January meeting of the Select Committee was cancelled in place of holding a joint meeting with the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee on 23 January who will be focusing on related financial inclusion issues.

It is the intention for this review to report to April Cabinet in conjunction with the closely related review of Welfare Reform and Financial Inclusion.