

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 25 November 2014

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

School Organisation and Admission Arrangements

The Committee approved a scope and project plan for the review of School Organisation and Admission Arrangements on 19 June. The overall aim of the review is to ensure that the process and criteria for identifying priorities for 2014/15 has been transparent and robust and then to be involved in ensuring that the public consultation December 2014 – March 2015 is carried out appropriately and that the outcomes and report to Cabinet on recommendations in March 2015 have been subject to Scrutiny, prior to lodging with Secretary of State in April 2015.

On 16 July, the Committee received an introductory presentation from officers setting the context for the review. Discussion at the meeting focused on the need for a clear policy on in-year transfers and moves and planning for the impact of new housing development.

The meetings on 25 September and 15 October focused on key priorities and proposals for consultation in more detail and a further meeting of the Committee to be held on 20 November will finalise consultation proposals. These proposals will be presented for approval by Cabinet on 4 December prior to statutory consultation commencing.

The Committee's final report is on track to be presented to Cabinet on 12 March 2014.

Transition from Primary to Secondary

On 15 October, the Committee also received an introductory presentation from Diane McConnell on transition from primary to secondary and approved a scope and project plan for the review. Activity will focus on site visits prior to Christmas reporting to a main evidence gathering meeting in January 2015.

Other Work

The Committee will be receiving a report on the performance of children's services at Quarter 2 for 2014/15 and more detailed information in relation to child protection requested at the last meeting of the Committee.

The Committee will also be receiving the initial progress update on its previous review of Employment and Education.