

## **Children and Young People Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 15 September 2015**

#### **Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)**

#### **School Organisation and Admission Arrangements (Phase 2)**

At their meeting in July, the Committee received a presentation summarising the work that had been undertaken in phase 1 of the review.

The Committee also received a draft scope in respect of phase 2 of the review which will focus upon the following:

- Understanding and meeting the increased demand for primary places across the Borough, particularly in reception. It is proposed that this is prioritised as any changes to published admissions numbers in schools for 2017 will be subject to a consultation exercise that must now take place in an 8 week period between 1 October and 31 January (in previous years between 1 October and 31 March)
- Reviewing the wider aspects of the approach to school organisation in the Borough

The Committee will be undertaking the following key lines of enquiry:

- To understand the demand for primary places in the 6 planning areas and to be assured of sufficiency and acceptable level of meeting parental choice
- To examine the wider aspects of school organisation, the different approaches that can be undertaken and the zone system which currently operates in Stockton.
- To have an open dialogue with parents, governors and school leaders on the different approaches to school organisation and which is the best system for Stockton

#### **Other Work**

At their meeting in June, the Committee received action plans in respect of the previous reviews of Child Sexual Exploitation and Transition from Primary to Secondary as well as a progress update in respect of the review of Employment and Education.

The Committee also received questioning and challenge training