

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

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 20 October 2015**

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

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

The Committee are undertaking the following key lines of enquiry as part of the review:

- 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

A series of consultation meetings are underway with heads, chairs of governors and stakeholders and the Committee will be finalising consultation arrangements with parents at their November meeting.

##### **Other Work**

At their meeting in October, the Committee received performance reports in relation to Q4 and Q1 and presentations as part of their overview meetings from:

Colin Morris – Independent Chair of the Stockton Local Safeguarding Board  
Peter Kelly – Director of Public Health  
Jane Humphreys – Director of Children, Education and Social Care

Questions focused on:

- CAF referrals and information sharing
- Child Mortality
- Self harm
- Case load consistency and quality in children's social care
- Social worker recruitment and use of agency staff
- The proportion of children becoming the subject of a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time
- KS4 performance
- Funding for post 16 provision

The Committee also received a report presenting a summary of key issues arising from Ofsted inspections of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers. Members identified further actions including:

- Finalising the programme of Member visits to frontline services
- Further information to be presented as part of quarterly performance reports including feedback from case file audits and Team Health Checks