

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 16 December 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

Information gathering meetings have taken place with heads, chairs of governors and stakeholders. One Member session has also been held. Officers will be making individual visits to schools where schools could not attend one of the sessions to ensure that all schools have had the opportunity to comment.

Information gathering sessions have now been arranged with children's centres in December and parents in January.

Other Work

The December meeting of the Committee will be receiving the quarterly performance report for the second quarter 2015/16 and also Ofsted Self-Assessment Reports.

Visits to frontline services have also been arranged throughout December and January as part of the important quality assurance work of the Committee.