

**Children and Young People Select Committee
Chair's Update – October 2017**

Scrutiny Review – Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) – Preparing for Adulthood	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>At its meeting on 4 October, the Committee considered the summary of evidence from the review.</p> <p>Members produced a series of draft recommendations focussing on ensuring preparation for adulthood starts at Year 9 and earlier where possible, and educational and employment opportunities are improved.</p> <p>At the same meeting Members had the opportunity to review the draft guidance for young people, parents and carers, and professionals. Feedback was provided to improve the leaflets and an update on their roll out was requested as part of the recommendations.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	<p>Committee will be asked to agree its final report at the meeting on 1 November.</p> <p>Report is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in November.</p>
On track – yes / no	Yes

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Visits to Frontline Services</p> <p>The previous round of frontline visits has concluded. Following the conclusion of the visits associated with the SEND review a new programme will be instituted.</p> <p>Healthwatch</p> <p>The Annual Report was considered in September.</p> <p>Children's Services and Schools Performance</p> <p>The latest updates were received in October for Q1 and 2016-17 respectively.</p>
Problems or concerns	Members noted the good performance of schools and early years providers, particularly in context of the new GCSE grading system/exams, but highlighted the concerns regarding some

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	Academy performance, including in Thornaby. Numbers of children in care are at a high level and a peer challenge by Durham County Council has been arranged. Work is ongoing to review the structure of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.
Requests for more information	None

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	There have been no updates since the last Chair's Update.
Requests for more information	-

Next Meetings
1 November 2017 5pm