

## Children and Young People Select Committee Chair's Update – December 2020

<b>Scrutiny Review – The Cost of School Uniform</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>The Select Committee approved their final report and recommendation at their last meeting.</p> <p>The Select Committee concluded that school uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone; it also is a means of ensuring that children living in disadvantage are not identifiable by what they are wearing. However, schools need to ensure that uniform is easily accessible and affordable. The Committee felt that some school policies were overly prescriptive and placed too much emphasis on expensive branded items from specialist suppliers, particularly at secondary phase.</p> <p>The Committee also recognised the importance of providing support to families struggling to meet uniform costs and were impressed by the support offered by Stockton schools and local community organisations. However, the Committee felt that this support needed to be better publicised and co-ordinated.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	The review will report to Cabinet in December.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

<b>Scrutiny Review – Care Leavers EET</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>The Select Committee have approved a scope and project plan for this review.</p> <p>Although outcomes for young people in Stockton were in line with national averages, the review would examine whether the Council was doing enough and what more needed to be done to further improve performance and outcomes for young people.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	First evidence session in December.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	The review will report to Cabinet in June 2021.

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Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	A Healthwatch report on <i>The Impact of COVID 19 on Young People</i> will be submitted to the December meeting of the Select Committee.
Problems or concerns	None
Requests for more information	-

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	There has been no monitoring considered since the last update.

Next Meeting	
16 December 2020 5pm	