

People Select Committee Chair's Update – March 2026

Scrutiny Review – Post 16 Provision	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The Committee received a background presentation on Post 16 Provision and considered and agreed the scope and project plan of the review at the January meeting. The aim of the review is to consider the current position, challenges, and proposed solutions in post 16 provision, with the key lines of enquiry focussed on collaboration of stakeholders, careers advice available to school leavers, the promotion of courses and benefits, and pastoral support offered by providers.</p> <p>Members were informed that a Post 16 Partnership had been established which included representatives from providers, the careers service, school support, and economic development, with the aim of sharing best practice and working collectively to drive improvement within the sector. The partnership had four working strands, and each would be invited to give evidence on the work being carried out for the review.</p> <p>In February members received evidence regarding the Excellence for All Working Strand, which included the challenges for recruitment e.g. curriculum offer, curriculum success and incentives offered by other providers. It was noted however that applications for all providers were spectacularly high for the time of the year. Information was also shared regarding collaboration between providers in the ongoing trials of Business Mentor Support, which bring students and businesses together via masterclasses to improve students confidence, and Teach Meets, which bring staff together to discuss, plan and implement a series of interventions to approve outcomes.</p> <p>Evidence was received from the Communication and Marketing Working Strand in March, including the engagement providers have with local schools, and the collaboration taking place to showcase the benefits of studying locally and the career opportunities aligned with growth sectors in the borough.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The Committee will receive evidence regarding the Post 16 Partnership Careers Working Group at the meeting on 13 April
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	An Action Plan for Partnership Working in Early Help was considered and agreed at the meeting in February. Progress had already been made on implementing the recommendations, including co-producing a Family First Strategy with partners, co-producing an assessment with partners, and discussions regarding

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	<p>effective data sharing. Members were assured that information and advice would continue to be available for those who were unable to access online services.</p> <p>The next progress updates will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled Facilities Grant – May 2026 • Partnership working in Early Help – September 2026
Requests for more information	None

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance

Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	No reports received since previous update.
Requests for more information	None

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2025-2026 Meetings (all 2.00pm unless stated)

Monday 2 March 2026 (4pm)