

## Children and Young People Select Committee Chair's Update November 2023

<b>Scrutiny Review – Narrowing the Gap in Educational Attainment</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>Following tri partite discussions and an informal meeting of the Select Committee on 11 October, work has commenced to conduct this review using an Appreciative Inquiry (AI) model.</p> <p>An AI model is a collaborative process that involves all stakeholders, from top management to frontline employees and, in the case of this review, much stronger involvement with the education sector to create a shared vision and find solutions in a creative and innovative way.</p> <p>An informal meeting of the Committee was held on 11 October where Members were joined (remotely) by Anthony Douglas CBE. Anthony is an experienced and much respected professional in children's services. He works with organisations internationally about the service developments needed for children with special needs of all types, with a view to improving those services.</p> <p>We are very fortunate to have Anthony's support for this piece of work and his guidance as the Committee embarks on this new approach.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	The November meeting will consider scoping and an engagement plan for this piece of work.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

<b>Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance</b>	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</b>	No reports since last update.
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

<b>Monitoring</b>	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</b>	<p>An action plan in respect of the Review of Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships was presented to the Select Committee for approval in July 2023.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Care Leavers EET –November 2023</li><li>• Child Poverty – November 2023</li><li>• Contextual Safeguarding – July 2024</li></ul>
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### Remaining 2023-2024 Scrutiny Reviews

Holidays are Fun (HAF) Programme

### Remaining 2023-2024 Meetings (all 5.00pm unless stated)

15 November 2023  
13 December 2023  
17 January 2024  
14 February 2024  
13 March 2024