

Children and Young People Select Committee Chair's Update January 2024

Scrutiny Review – Narrowing the Gap in Educational Attainment	
Achieved since last meeting	<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 Sir 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>The November meeting considered a scope and key questions the work which will focus on two key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance - Community Support <p>The December meeting discussed engagement and the Select Committee will also receive a presentation on the new team around the school partnership offer which links with the Committee's work.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The January meeting will consider the engagement plan for this piece of work.
On track – yes / no	Yes

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

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Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>The Select Committee received progress updates in relation to agreed actions from previously completed reviews of Care Leavers EET and signed off all actions in relation to the review of Child Poverty.</p> <p>Further progress updates are scheduled as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care Leavers EET – July 2024• Contextual Safeguarding – July 2024

Remaining 2023-2024 Scrutiny Reviews
Holidays are Fun (HAF) Programme

Remaining 2023-2024 Meetings (all 5.00pm unless stated)
17 January 2024 14 February 2024 13 March 2024