

## Children and Young People Select Committee Chair's Update March 2024

<b>Scrutiny Review – Narrowing the Gap in Educational Attainment</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>The Select Committee's current review is being carried out utilising 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>As part of the review, two all day stakeholder workshops are being held in March around the two areas agreed by the Committee as the focus of its work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 March 2024 – Attendance</li> <li>• 22 March 2024 - Communication (vocabulary, oracy and literacy)</li> </ul> <p>All Head Teachers and a wide range of stakeholders have been invited to the events.</p> <p>Both events will be opened with a key note speech from Anthony Douglas CBE. Once the Chief Executive of Cafcass and now adviser to the Irish government, Welsh government and the DfE, he has been working with us on our Inquiry into reducing the educational attainment gap.</p> <p>Pupil voice interviews are also taking place in four primary and four secondary schools.</p> <p>In addition, an online survey has been rolled out across children's services based on the same key questions for the pupil voice interviews.</p> <p>Alongside engagement, the Committee have been received presentations and updates to provide background to their review. These have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December – New Team around the School Partnership Offer</li> <li>• January – Draft Attendance Strategy</li> <li>• February – Early Help Appreciative Inquiry</li> </ul>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	<p>Stakeholder Workshops</p> <p>March Meeting – Report – Outcomes for vulnerable groups.</p>
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

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Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
<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

Monitoring	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or concerns</b>	<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"> <li>• Care Leavers EET – July 2024</li> <li>• Contextual Safeguarding – July 2024</li> </ul>

Next Scrutiny Review
TBD

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