

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

<b>Scrutiny Review – Narrowing the Gap in Educational Attainment</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>The Select Committee's review of Narrowing the Gap in Educational Attainment was carried out utilising an Appreciative Inquiry (AI) model.</p> <p>The Committee's final report was considered by Cabinet in October 2024 who accepted all the recommendations.</p> <p>The benefit of the AI approach has been in the awareness raising of the issues. It has also brought all stakeholders together at events and secured support for agreed objectives and future action.</p> <p>The review culminated in a report setting out 17 shared objectives.</p> <p>Given the breadth of the work, a recommendation lead has been identified for each objective and it is the intention that progress updates will be provided at each future Select Committee meeting on particular recommendations with the relevant recommendation lead attending each meeting.</p> <p>At the November meeting, a presentation will be given setting out the proposed approach to monitoring for the Select Committee to consider and an initial update will be provided in respect of recommendations 6,7,10 and 13.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	Ongoing monitoring
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

<b>Scrutiny Review – Holiday Activities and Food Programme known locally as Holidays Are Fun (HAF)</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>The Select Committee's next review is Holiday Activities and Food Programme known locally as Holidays Are Fun (HAF).</p> <p>HAF is a DfE funded programme that provides activities and healthy meals to children and young people during holiday periods, predominantly for those on benefit related free school meals. It is delivered in partnership through SBC and Catalyst. It involves a range of providers, including schools, delivering a variety of activities.</p> <p>The review will consider if HAF is inclusive of and attended by those families who most need it and the impact that the programme has had on family health and social and economic wellbeing.</p>

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	The tri partite meeting was held on 29 October 2024 and the Select Committee will consider the scope and project plan at their November meeting. This meeting will also receive an introductory presentation to set the context for the work and there will be opportunity for Members to discuss equality and poverty implications at the outset of the review.
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	First evidence gathering session.
<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>	Outstanding monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contextual Safeguarding and Youth Relationships - A further progress update to be scheduled in due course.</li> </ul>

<b>Next Scrutiny Review</b>
Corporate Parenting

<b>Remaining 2023-2024 Meetings (all 5.00pm unless stated)</b>
13 November 2024 11 December 2024 15 January 2025 12 February 2025 12 March 2025