

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD 5 MARCH 2019 – UPDATE ON RECENT WORK OF CHILDREN AND LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

At its meeting in November 2018, the Sub-Committee received a report that provided an update on the provisional outcomes of the 2018 statutory assessments within the secondary and post-16 sector. The report provided headline figures for attainment and progress at GCSE and Attainment at A-Level. In attendance was Mr Stuart McLaughlin (Head Teacher Bower Park Academy) in his capacity as Chairman of the Havering Learning Partnership (HLP).

The Sub-Committee noted that the Local Authority had worked closely with the Havering Learning Partnership to deliver a joint improvement strategy and action plan. The HLP and Local Authority had jointly funded specific improvement activity to target areas in need of improvement, which had started to produce results.

The Sub-Committee received performance data for seven of the eight agreed indicators in Quarter Two. It was noted that five of the indicators have been given a RAG status. Two have a status of Green, two a status of Amber and one had a status of Red.

The Sub-Committee received an update report that outlined the Improvement Plan for Children's Social Care Service following the Ofsted Inspection in June 2018 and detailed the improvement work within the Service to address issues and risks throughout the social care system, review existing projects and consider if new areas of work needed to be explored and developed.

The Sub-Committee noted the planning for improvement work within the Service and agreed to receive regular updates on the Social Care Improvement Plan.

The Sub-Committee received a report that provided an update on the actions required following the Ofsted/Care Quality Commission inspection of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

The report detailed the action plan that would be monitored by the SEND Executive Board which comprised of partners, parent representatives, schools and representatives from health and the local council.

The Sub-Committee noted the progress made to implement the detailed SEND action plan following the CQC/Ofsted inspection of March 2018, including the establishment of the Executive Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Board (comprising of health, local authority and partner agencies including schools and parents).

“In December 2018, the Chairman undertook visits to departments in Children’s Social Services, including the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in Mercury House and the St. Kilda Children’s Centre in Romford. Further visits to Children’s Social Services and Schools are planned at Easter.”

At its meeting on 14 February 2019, The Sub-Committee received a report that detailed the work of the Council to support children and families affected by Domestic Abuse in Havering.

The Sub-Committee received a report on the review of the housing and support needs of residents in Private Sector Leased accommodation (PSL). A detailed report on the outcome of this review will be reported to Cabinet.

“The Sub-Committee agreed to scrutinise this topic further in the near future.”

At the meeting, Members received a report that detailed the current work of the Council to address Serious Youth Violence and Knife Crime in Havering.

The Sub-Committee agreed to scrutinise this topic further in the near future.”

Members also received a presentation on the Performance Indicators for Quarter Three that reported to the Sub-Committee. It was noted that six of the indicators were given a RAG status: three with a status of Green, two rated Amber and one rated Red.

Overall, the update was an improvement compared to the position at the end of Quarter Two.

“The Sub-Committee agreed on two Performance Indicators to report to the Overview and Scrutiny Board.”

Councillor Judith Holt,

Chairman, Children & Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee