

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for Corporate Services

to

People Scrutiny Committee

14

26th November 2013

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Chairman's update

A Part 1 Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on a few scrutiny matters, as follows:

- Update on request from October meeting re super pupil premium;
- Information on the urgent and emergency care review; and
- Update on the in depth scrutiny project.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the report and actions taken be noted.

3. Update

3.1 Super Pupil Premium for Looked After Children – at the meeting on 22nd October 2013 the Committee requested that a report be prepared on the super pupil premium for Looked After Children (LAC) (Minute 425 refers). The Council is awaiting further information and guidance on this issue from the DfE so at this stage there is no further detail to report. A report will therefore be brought to Committee once this has been received.

3.2 Transforming urgent and emergency care services in England – Professor Sir Bruce Keogh, National Medical Director has recently published the outcomes of the NHS England Urgent and Emergency Care review's engagement exercise. A copy of the report is available at Appendix 1, which the Committee is asked to note.

4. In depth scrutiny project – project plan

4.1 At the meeting in July, the Committee decided that the topic for in depth study for 2013 / 14 would be – '*Southend primary schools' falling grammar school entry figures*' (Minute 145 refers). The project plan was agreed at the meeting in October 2013 (Minute 350 refers).

4.2 The project team met on 14th November to discuss the arrangements for the project and the witness sessions. The witness sessions will be on Thursday 28th November, starting at 2 pm and also on Monday 2nd December starting at 2 pm.

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 5.2 Financial Implications - there are nominal costs involved in operating any in-depth scrutiny project, which can be met from the Council's scrutiny budget.
- 5.3 Legal Implications – none.
- 5.4 People Implications – none.
- 5.5 Property Implications – none.
- 5.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 5.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 5.8 Risk Assessment – none.

6. Background Papers

Papers associated with in depth project team

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Transforming urgent and emergency care services in England