

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

**Report of the Deputy Chief Executive
(People)**

to

People Scrutiny Committee

on

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Schools Progress Report

**People Scrutiny Committee
Executive Councillor: Councillor James Courtenay
A Part 1 Item**

1. Purpose of Report

To inform members of the current position with regard to the performance of all schools, including those schools causing concern, and to update on known Academy developments.

2. Recommendation

For members to note and approve the information in the report.

3. Background

Ofsted Inspections

In the period since the previous School Progress Report, two Southend-on-Sea schools have been inspected by Ofsted. Both Chalkwell Infant School and Chalkwell Junior School have retained 'good' status. Shoeburyness High School was inspected on 15th/16th November 2017.

Overall, the 5 pupils attending a good or outstanding school remains at 85.6%. However, it should be remembered that a good judgement now is made against a more robust inspection framework than when a school was previously inspected.

A further ten Southend-on-Sea Primary Schools are imminently due an Ofsted inspection. This is mainly due to the date of academy conversions which means most of these schools are due their first inspection since gaining academy status. The Local Authority will be providing support for schools to prepare them for the requirements of the inspections including 'preparation' training which took place as part of the Directors briefing.

Academies

We currently have 32 Academies (Federation of Greenways and PLT Campus counted as one school each) in Southend.

The conversion of Futures College has been further delayed and is now due to convert on 1st January 2018 (proving the land issues are cleared by the Minister). Temple Sutton Primary school is now due to convert 1st April 2018.

School Performance and Improvement Strategy

A draft School Performance and Improvement Strategy has been approved by the School Performance sub group and has been presented to head teachers for consultation. Following feedback from the head teacher consultation, the document has been further revised and is currently being considered for approval by the Deputy Chief Executive (People), Executive Councillor for Children & Learning and the Head of Learning Services.

The strategy sets out to define Southend Borough Council's evolving process of support and intervention for schools and includes information on how we intend to monitor, challenge and support schools.

Diminishing the Difference (previously known as 'narrowing the gap') Pupil Premium Strategy

Phase two of the Pupil Premium strategy is now underway. Two local head teachers will be leading implementation of the strategy and will focus on the delivery of CPD and support for schools. A pupil premium network digital community has been set up and is due to be launched in December 2017.

Grammar School Strategy

The consortium of Selective Schools in Essex (CSSE) have confirmed that more local children registered for and passed the 11plus test this year compared to the year before.

In 2016, 1280 candidates from the SS0-SS9 priority area registered for the test, with 399 passing. This year 53 more passes were gained in comparison to the previous year with 1,440 candidates registered and 452 passing the test. The figures represent an increase of 12.5% in applications on the previous year and a 13.3% increase in passes.

There are sufficient priority places at the grammar schools, which mean that if the additional 53 pupils name both Grammar Schools on their application in their preferred order, they are guaranteed a place.

The council's #nofuss11plus campaign, run with support by all four grammar schools is about offering choice, and in the long-term it is also about supporting those from more disadvantaged backgrounds to prepare for and take the test and ultimately increase the numbers of local children attending one of the four outstanding local grammar schools.

Overall performance of schools

Overall, at all Key Stages, Southend schools continue to both improve and outperform against national benchmarks. Validated data is now becoming available and a summary table is as follows;

Key Stage	Measure	Southend Performance	Rank	England (State-Funded)
EYFS	% Achieving a Good Level of Development	74%	28	71%
KS1	% of pupils achieving the expected standard in the following subjects			
	Reading	78%	38	76%
	Writing	71%	38	68%
	Maths	77%	45	75%
KS2	% of pupils achieving the expected standard in the following subjects			
	Rea,wri,Mat combined	65%	26	61%
KS4	Attainment 8	50.3	15	46.1
	Progress 8	0.07	38	-0.03
	% Achieving English and Maths (9-4) (old A*-C equivalent)	70.6%	18	63.5%

Note: All data taken from SFR releases. Rank based on 151 local authorities.

4. Other Options

N/A

5. Reasons for Recommendations

N/A

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

This report contributes to the Council's ambition that all schools will be good or outstanding.

6.2 Financial Implications

The work currently undertaken with school improvement is covered by the core staffing budget and the SLA with the teaching school alliance.

6.3 Legal Implications

None

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

None

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

None

6.8 Risk Assessment

None

6.9 Value for Money

None

6.10 Community Safety Implications

None

6.11 Environmental Impact

None

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices – see Appendix 1

Appendix 1 - List of Southend Academies (as at 01/09/17)

Academy name	Date of conversion	Multi-Academy Trust	Single Academy
Belfairs Academy	01/06/2012	Legra Academy Trust	
Blenheim Primary and Nursery	01/09/2016	Learning in Harmony Trust	
Bournemouth Park Primary School	01/02/2017	Eastwood Park Academy Trust (EPAT)	
Bournes Green Infant	01/09/2016	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Bournes Green Junior	01/08/2017	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Cecil Jones Academy	01/09/2015	Legra Academy Trust	
Chase High School	01/04/2015	Brentwood Academies Trust	
Darlinghurst School	01/01/2014	Legra Academy Trust	
Friars Primary School and Nursery	01/09/2016	Portico Academy Trust	
Hamstel Infant School and Nursery	01/09/2016	Portico Academy Trust	
Hamstel Junior School	01/09/2016	Portico Academy Trust	
Hinguar Community Primary School	01/09/2016	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Kingsdown School	01/09/2017	SEN Trust Southend	
Lancaster School	01/09/2017	SEN Trust Southend	
Porters Grange Primary School	01/04/2016	Portico Academy Trust	
Prince Avenue Academy & Nursery	01/04/2014	South East Essex Academy Trust (SEEAT)	
Richmond Avenue Primary and Nursery School	01/08/2017	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
PLT Southend Campus: Victory Park & Sutton House (formerly Seabrook College)	01/07/2017	Parallel Learning Trust (PLT)	
Shoeburyness High School	01/12/2011	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Southend High School for Boys	01/02/2011		Southend High School for Boys Academy Trust
Southend High School for Girls	01/02/2011		Southend High School for Girls

			Academy Trust
St Bernard's High School	01/08/2011		St Bernard's High School
St Nicholas School	01/09/2017	SEN Trust Southend	
St Thomas More High School	01/08/2011		St. Thomas More High School
The Eastwood Academy	01/08/2011	Eastwood Park Academy Trust (EPAT)	
The Federation of Greenways Schools	01/10/2016	Learning in Harmony Trust	
The St Christopher School	01/03/2012	SEN Trust Southend (previously a single academy trust)	
The Westborough School	01/09/2010	The Challenger Multi Academy Trust	
Thorpedene Primary School	01/09/2016	Southend East Community Academy Trust (SECAT)	
Westcliff High School for Boys	01/09/2010		Westcliff High School for Boys
Westcliff High School for Girls	01/03/2011	South East Essex Academy Trust (SEEAT)	
West Leigh Junior School	01/04/2016	Portico Academy Trust	