

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council**Report of the Deputy Chief Executive
(People)****to****People Scrutiny Committee****on****30th January 2018**

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Schools Progress Report**People Scrutiny Committee**

**Executive Councillor: Councillor James Courtenay
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item**

1. Purpose of Report

To inform members of the People Scrutiny panel 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

That members note the information in the report.

3. Background**Ofsted Inspections**

In the period since the previous Schools Progress Report, one Southend-on-Sea school has been inspected by Ofsted. Cecil Jones Academy was inspected 5th December 2017. The report has not yet been published and the outcome of the inspection is not in the public domain.

Shoeburyness High School was inspected on 15th/16th November 2017. The very positive report was published on 15th December 2017 and found the school remained Good.

Our Lady of Lourdes was inspected on 5th/6th December 2018. The previous judgement at the school was Inadequate. I am pleased to say that the recently published report has recognised rapid improvement at the school, and has now judged the school as Requiring Improvement.

Overall, pupils attending a good or outstanding school in Southend 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. Equally recent inspections will not affect this % unless a school crosses the grade 2/3 boundary either way. Lastly, OFSTED are currently consultation on a different and

more robust means of calculating this %. Southend already adopts this means of calculation.

A further nine 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 the 'preparation' training which took place as part of the last 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 delayed once again and is now due to convert on 1st March 2018.

Temple Sutton Primary school is now due to convert 1st April 2018, to align conversion with the start of the financial year.

School Performance and Improvement Strategy

The School Performance and Improvement Strategy has now been published on the Democracy Southend on Sea website and is in the public domain.

The strategy defines 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

Two local head teachers will be leading implementation of the strategy and will focus on the delivery of CPD and support for schools. The project, the launch of which will be hosted at The Tickfield Centre on Monday 22nd January 2018, is entitled "Every Child, Every School, Same Opportunities" and will focus on innovative, holistic approaches to the whole curriculum.

Grammar School Strategy

Initial analysis (using google analytics) of the Council's 'nofuss11plus' website (which forms a core part of the strategy) shows that in the first six months, (to Jan 14th 2018) there were 8,308 page views by 1,833 users.

The National Offer Date for Local Authorities to send out secondary school offers to parents is 1st March 2018. We will be releasing more information about offers made and taken up by local residents after this date.

As previously reported, 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.

It should be reiterated that the initiative allows parents the ability to make an informed choice if a grammar school is appropriate for their child's needs. The Council through the Education Board continues to work with all schools to support them in improving their school where required.

Overall performance of schools

There has been no additional data released since the last Scrutiny report and the information previously provided in the following table remains the most up to date data information.

KS4 vulnerable group data will be available from the end of January 2018.

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. Appendix**
Appendix 1 – List of Southend Academies

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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 <i>(previously a single academy trust)</i>	
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	