

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (People)

to

People Scrutiny

on

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Schools Progress Report

People Scrutiny Committee – Cabinet Member: Councillor Boyd
A Part 1 Public Agenda 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. Recommendations

For People Scrutiny to note and approve the information in this report

3. Background

Ofsted Inspections

We are pleased to report that the Eastwood Academy, which was inspected on 4th December 2018, was given an 'Outstanding' judgement by Ofsted. The inspection report was published on 14th January 2019.

In addition, and equally pleasing, the Porters Grange Primary School and Nursery was inspected on 21st November 2018 and found to be 'Good'. The report was published 11th December 2018. This was the first inspection that the school had received since becoming part of the Portico Academy trust in 2016. Prior to joining the Academy Trust, the school was judged by Ofsted to be Inadequate in 2015.

Cecil Jones Academy received a monitoring visit 4-5 December 2018. The inspection was carried out at the request of her Majesty's Chief Inspector in order to check the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements at the school. The report, which was published 3rd January 2019 found that, having considered the evidence, safeguarding was effective.

Academy conversions

There have been no additional Academy conversions since September 1st 2018.

Following the judgement by OFSTED of 'Inadequate' for Cecil Jones in November 2017, the Regional Schools Commissioner has now rebrokered the school from LEGRA to Loxford Multi Academy Trust. The new Trust is currently undertaking due diligence and has had an informal presence at the school since the start of the new term. A formal move (which is to be confirmed) is suggested for March 2019.

Pupil premium strategy

December's work that was brokered to the primary teaching school alliance focused on scheduling the initial meetings for pupil premium reviews at targeted schools. These were booked for December and/or January and will be reported on in the next scrutiny report.

4. Other Options

N/A

5. Reasons for Recommendations

N/A

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

The Schools Progress report links directly to the following Southend 2050 ambition themes and outcomes:

Pride and Joy

There is a tangible sense of pride in the place and local people are actively, and knowledgeably, talking up Southend-on-Sea

Safe and Well

People in all parts of the Borough feel safe and secure

Southenders agree that people from different backgrounds are valued and get on well together

The benefits of community connection are evident as more people come together to help, support and spend time with each other

Opportunity and Prosperity

Our children are school and life ready and our workforce is skilled and job ready.

In addition, this report contributes to the Council's stated ambition that all schools will be good or outstanding.

- 6.2 Financial Implications
The work currently undertaken by school improvement is covered by the core staffing budget and the SLAs with the teaching schools namely the primary teaching school alliance and SETSA
- 6.3 Legal Implications
none
- 6.4 People Implications
none
- 6.5 Property Implications
none
- 6.6 Consultation
N/A
- 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications
Equality impact assessments have been completed for both major strategies that link to this progress report, namely the grammar school strategy and the pupil premium strategy.
- 6.8 Risk Assessment
N/A
- 6.9 Value for Money
N/A
- 6.10 Community Safety Implications
N/A
- 6.11 Environmental Impact
N/A

7. Background Papers

No additional back ground papers have been used to prepare this document. This report does take account of OFSTED inspection reports published by Ofsted which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted>

8. Appendices

None