

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (People)

to

Cabinet

on

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## Annual Education Report

People Scrutiny Committee  
Cabinet Member: Councillor Boyd  
Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

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### 1. Purpose of Report

To inform Cabinet of the format and content of the Annual Education Report 2018

### 2. Recommendations

- i. That Cabinet note and approve the Annual Education Report

### 3. Background

- i. Each year the Council elects to publish an Annual Education Report of the high level outcomes from the previous academic year, in retrospect.
- ii. The timing of the report is contingent upon the Department for Education release of the validated school outcomes, usually towards the end of the preceding calendar year.
- iii. In the past, the report has been a lengthy and wordy document that by the nature of the date of publication reduces the value for the Council, stakeholders and residents. The decision was taken in 2018 to produce a far more concise “infographics” style report that highlighted key performance against the recognised national benchmarks at each key stage, including the rankings of the Council against all other Local Authorities.
- iv. In addition, following feedback at scrutiny last year, a glossary of terms has been included.

### 4. Other Options

- i. The other options of not submitting and Annual Education Report would result in less information available for members and residents. The other option of a more lengthy report was dismissed on grounds of relevance and cost effectiveness.

## **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- i. Whilst much of the information is in the public domain at some stage in the later part of the preceding year, the Annual Education report provides a concise, relevant and accurate summary of the performance of the Council.
- ii. It is also an opportunity for members to recognise and celebrate the very strong performance of our schools at all key stages relative to the national benchmarks, and a point to formally congratulate pupils, staff and schools for such strong achievement.

## **6. Corporate Implications**

### 6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

The report will inform several of the outcomes, in particular readiness for school and work.

### 6.2 Financial Implications

The report will be used to inform the commissioning of improvement support where required, utilising the School Improvement budget identified in the budget report.

### 6.3 Legal Implications

### 6.4 People Implications

### 6.5 Property Implications

### 6.6 Consultation

### 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

The report focusses on disadvantage achievement

### 6.8 Risk Assessment

Through Education Board, the report contributes towards the collective intelligence that compiles the “risk register” of performance of each school.

### 6.9 Value for Money

### 6.10 Community Safety Implications

### 6.11 Environmental Impact

## **7. Background Papers**

## **8. Appendices**

Appendix one, Annual Education Report