

Report to: Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 15 June 2015

By: Director of Children's Services

Title: Scrutiny Review of Early Years Attainment

Purpose: To provide the Scrutiny Committee with a six month update report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Early Years Attainment

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to note the summary of progress in the attached updated Action Plan of the Children's Services Scrutiny Review of Early Years Attainment.

1 Background

1.1 The Children's Services Scrutiny Review of Early Years Attainment was carried out between December 2013 and August 2014. A full report was published on 15th September 2014. This was followed by a presentation to Cabinet on 15 October 2014, with publication of the report and action plan, including recommendations for action, on 21 October 2014.

1.2 The Action Plan (Appendix 1) provides a progress summary against each of the recommendations.

2 Supporting information

2.1 In addition to the Action Plan, key documents are attached (Appendices 2 to 5) to provide more in depth information about specific items within the Action Plan.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 Throughout the Action Plan the progress summaries provide a clear indication that the targets agreed with the Scrutiny Review Panel have been met or exceeded within the proposed time scales. In some cases, as in the 2014 outcomes for the Early Years Foundation Stage, the target has been significantly exceeded (23.5% improvement in a Good Level of Development (GLD) across all East Sussex Early Years settings as opposed to a target of 5% improvement). OfSTED inspection outcomes across all EYFS settings, including childminders are also significantly higher than had been anticipated.

3.2 Therefore we ask the panel to recognise the significant progress made against the actions and the future long term benefits for all key stages.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Action Plan

Appendix 2 – Case Study – Early Years Foundation Stage Village Project

Appendix 3 – Case Study – Early Years Foundation Stage Village Project – data table

Appendix 4 – Case Study – Manor Primary School Village Project

Appendix 5 – East Sussex Case Study of Local Authority support to Schools and Early Years Setting

LOCAL MEMBERS

All

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None