

Report to: Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 23 November 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 presentation to Cabinet on 15 October 2014, with publication of the report and action plan, including recommendations for action, on 21 October 2014. A report on the progress against the action plan was presented to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on 15 June 2015. This report has been produced following the committee's request for a six monthly update.

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

2. Supporting information

2.1 Throughout the Action Plan the progress summaries provide a clear indication that the targets agreed with the Scrutiny Review Board have been met or exceeded within the proposed time scales. In some cases, as in the 2015 outcomes for the Early Years Foundation Stage, the target has been significantly exceeded. East Sussex made the 3rd best improvement since last year of all our statistical neighbours in both the Good Level of Development (GLD) and the Average point score (APS) (74.3% GLD compared to the national average of 66.3%)

2.2 OfSTED inspection outcomes for the EYFS in schools has a separate judgement and of 35 schools inspected 4 achieved outstanding, 27 achieved good and only 4 received requires improvement. OfSTED inspection outcomes across all EYFS settings, including childminders, are also now above the published national average with 87.8% good or better. The percentage judged as outstanding increased from 17% in June 2014 to 21.3% in October 2015.

2.3 East Sussex has been recognised by the Secretary of State for Education as one of only 44 local authorities achieving 70-79% take-up of funded early learning places for two year olds, the national average was 63%, placing us 39th out of 152.

2.4 The Phase 1 Village schools are now demonstrating initial impact into Key Stage 1, with improvements from 2013 to 2015 consistently above East Sussex average for 2B+ in all areas.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Committee are asked 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

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All

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None