

**REPORTS TO CABINET  
10 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

(Meeting of 5 September 2019)

**REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**1. Proposal to extend the age ranges of Bedlington Whitley Memorial CE  
and West End First Schools**

S Aviston, Head of School Organisation and Resources introduced the report to the Committee. Councillor W Daley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services was in attendance. J Bushell, Headteacher of Bedlington West End First School spoke in support of the proposals which she advised had come forward in response to recent events and were considered to be in the best interests of the children.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet be advised that this Committee support the recommendations as outlined in the report.

**2. Expansion of Whytrig Middle School, Horton Grange First School and  
New Delaval First School**

S Aviston, Head of School Organisation and Resources introduced the report to the Committee. Councillor W Daley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services was in attendance.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet be advised that this Committee support the recommendations as outlined in the report.

**3. Alternative Provision Framework to Support Children Permanently  
Excluded from School**

L Bryden, Senior Manager, Commissioning introduced the report to the Committee. Councillor W Daley, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services was in attendance.

In discussing the level of exclusions it was confirmed that the framework will allow support to be provided in an alternative provision to prevent young people from being permanently excluded from schools as well as providing a service for those who had been permanently excluded. It was clarified that the framework provided a mechanism to refer young people into services with organisations only being paid for what they delivered. The work being undertaken by the Exclusions Task and Finish Working Group to reduce the numbers of young people being excluded was highlighted and a report will be

presented to the Committee in October.

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet be advised that this Committee support the recommendations as outlined in the report.

**COUNCILLOR G RENNER-THOMPSON  
IN THE CHAIR**