



Northumberland County Council

Families and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: 18th January 2018

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## **SCHOOLS' ANNUAL REPORT**

Report of the Executive Director of Children's Services: Cath McEvoy

Cabinet Member for Children's Services: Councillor Wayne Daley

Report prepared by Dr Andrew Johnson, Director of Education and Skills

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### **Purpose of report.**

To inform the community of Northumberland about the quality of schools and the impact of the local authority.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee notes the content of the report.

### **Link to Corporate Plan**

This report is relevant to the priorities regarding Economic Growth, Stronger Communities and Families' and Health and Well-Being included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2013-2017.

### **Key issues**

This is the fourth annual report from the Director of Education and Skills. It highlights:

- Where there are strengths within Northumberland's school community, such as the number that are at least good in the primary phase.
- Where much faster improvement is needed, namely the number of secondary schools that are not yet judged to be Good, poor provisional GCSE results and an unacceptable gap between the outcomes achieved by those from disadvantaged backgrounds compared to those who are not.

## BACKGROUND

The final version of the report will need to be approved by Management Board and will be published in January 2018.

## IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

<b>Policy:</b>	Improving the education and skills of Northumberland's communities is a key feature within the corporate plan.
<b>Finance and value for money:</b>	The Schools Forum may wish to consider how funding is used to deliver the improvements identified herein.
<b>Legal:</b>	None.
<b>Procurement:</b>	None.
<b>Human Resources:</b>	Publish report and place on website.
<b>Property:</b>	None.
<b>Equalities:</b> (Impact Assessment attached)  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable – this report does not request a key decision, (but the issue of making it available in accessible formats will be considered).
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Adverse publicity for the Council.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder:</b>	None.
<b>Customer Considerations:</b>	The Council believes it is in the best interests of every Northumberland child that they have the opportunity to attend a school that is at least judged to be Good.
<b>Carbon Reduction:</b>	None.
<b>Wards:</b>	All

## CONSULTATION

The following have been consulted:

- Lead Member for Children's Services
- Chief Executive
- Executive Director of Children's Services

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

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### Report sign off

Finance Officer	N/A
Monitoring Officer/Legal	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Procurement	N/A
I.T.	N/A
Chief Executive	Daljit Lally
Portfolio Holder(s)	Wayne Daley

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