



Northumberland County Council

Families and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee
Date: 10th January 2019

SCHOOLS' ANNUAL REPORT

Report of the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Children's Services, Cath McEvoy-Carr

Cabinet Member for Children's Services: Councillor Wayne Daley

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 priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021.

Key Issues

This is the fifth 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 and where new areas for improvement have been identified, such as reducing the number of permanent exclusions.

BACKGROUND

PUBLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Improving the education and skills of Northumberland's communities is a key feature within the corporate plan.
Finance and value for money:	The Schools Forum may wish to consider how funding is used to deliver the improvements identified herein.
Legal:	None.
Procurement:	None.
Human Resources:	Publish report and place on website.
Property:	None.
Equalities: (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).
Risk Assessment:	Adverse publicity for the Council.
Crime & Disorder:	None.
Customer Considerations:	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.
Carbon Reduction:	None.
Wards:	All

CONSULTATION

The following have been consulted:

- Lead Member for Children's Services
- Chief Executive
- Executive Director of Adults Social Care and Children's Services

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Ofsted report.

Report sign off

Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
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