



Northumberland County Council

Families and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: 5th March 2020

EDUCATION AND SKILLS 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.
 - identifies any areas for additional scrutiny
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Link to the Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the priorities:

- We want you to achieve and realise your potential
- We want to make a difference

Key Issues

This is the Education and Skills Annual Report for 2018/2019. 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

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improvement have been identified, such as reducing the number of permanent exclusions.

BACKGROUND

This is the sixth Annual Education and Skills Report.

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

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| 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

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Report sign off

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| Finance Officer | |
| Monitoring Officer/Legal | |
| Human Resources | |
| Procurement | |
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| Executive Director of Adults Social Care & Children's Services | Cath McEvoy-Carr |
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