

# North Somerset Council

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## **REPORT TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES POLICY AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

**DATE OF MEETING: 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

**SUBJECT OF REPORT: EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION UPDATE**

**TOWN OR PARISH: ALL**

**OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: LOUISE MALIK, HEAD OF EDUCATION  
TRANSFORMATION**

**KEY DECISION: NO**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The panel is asked to receive the updates presented in this report and to give comment on any of the information provided.

The panel is also encouraged to consider and respond to the consultation of schools funding arrangements for the 2018-19 financial year as detailed in paragraph 3.3.

### **1. SUMMARY OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to:

- a) Provide information to the panel on the development of the Education Excellence Partnership Board, arrangements to deliver the Local Authorities responsibilities in relation to standards in maintained schools, and wider comparative performance data across the south west region;
- b) Provide information to the panel on the future delivery of education services;
- c) Provide information to the panel and an opportunity to respond to a consultation on the implementation of the national funding formula in North Somerset and other changes to school funding arrangements.

### **2. POLICY**

#### **North Somerset Corporate Plan**

Improving educational outcomes links to the following ambitions in the Corporate Plan:

- Prosperity and Opportunity – Enable young people to fulfil their potential
- Health and Wellbeing – Support families to give their children the best start in life

## **People and Communities Directorate Statement**

The priorities in the Directorate Statement will contribute to the ambition in the Corporate Plan of enabling young people to fulfil their potential by:

- Working in partnership to develop and implement the council's response to the Education Reform;
- Continuing to reduce inequalities for all children and young people;
- Continuing to work in partnership with schools to help them raise attainment for all children and young people;
- Continuing to work in partnership with settings and schools to increase the percentage of children and young people attending good or better settings and schools;
- Continuing to improve outcomes for children;
- Increasing opportunities for young people, including care leavers, to work in public services through our apprenticeships schemes.

The priorities in the Directorate Statement will contribute to the ambition in the Corporate Plan of supporting families to give their children the best start in life by:

- Preventing ill-health, improving health and well-being and reducing inequalities;
- Promoting excellence in education and lifelong learning that supports individual employability;
- Promoting independence and enabling individuals, families and communities to improve their own lives.

### **3. DETAILS**

#### **3.1 The development of the Education Excellence Partnership Board, arrangements to deliver the Local Authorities responsibilities in relation to standards in maintained schools, and wider comparative performance data across the south west region**

The report to the Children and Young People's Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel in July 2017 described the developing national, regional and local arrangements for school improvement.

Since this point in time, the office of the Regional School Commissioner has issued a draft document called 'Making the Education System work' (attached as Appendix A). This document is in line with the briefing provided to the panel in July and emphasises the role of the Local Authority in representing education across their area regardless of the status of schools i.e. maintained or academies.

The Education Excellence Partnership Board and School Standards Board continues to develop and to be well supported by the wider schools community. Whilst the role and operating arrangements for these boards will continue to develop, I am confident that we have both the main components and the shared drive in place to maintain a cohesive and collegiate education community in North Somerset.

In relation to maintained schools, those causing concern have been identified and challenge, support and monitoring arrangements are in place.

A summary of any recent Ofsted inspections along with provisional education achievement data is provided in the Performance and Financial Monitoring Report to this meeting of the panel. Additional analysis of provisional data from across the south west region has been provided by the office of the Regional Schools Commissioner and this is provided in Appendix B.

### **3.2 The proposed transfer of education related services to Somerset County Council**

A [report](#) was presented to the Executive on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 with recommendations in relation to the future delivery of education services. The recommendations in the report were agreed.

Action is now being taken to take forward the recommendations with a view to completing the transfer in April 2018 if possible.

### **3.3 The implementation of the national funding formula in North Somerset**

Between July and October, the Government has issued a range of information about the implementation of the national funding formula. Work has now been undertaken to analyse the implications for North Somerset and options for the local implementation of the national funding formula.

A consultation has been issued to all stakeholders about both the national funding formula and some local proposals in relation to funding arrangements. The consultation is open to all stakeholders until 24<sup>th</sup> November and the results will be analysed and reported to the Strategic Schools Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Elected Members are encouraged to read and respond to the consultation which is available through the following link:

[http://consult.n-somerset.gov.uk/consult.ti/NFF18\\_19/consultationHome](http://consult.n-somerset.gov.uk/consult.ti/NFF18_19/consultationHome)

Attached as Appendix C is a short summary of the implications for North Somerset

## **4. CONSULTATION**

Consultation on the development of the Education Excellence Partnership Board and arrangements in relation to school improvement has taken place with school leaders across North Somerset and the office of the Regional Schools Commissioner.

Consultation on the proposals in relation to the future of education services has taken place with a wide range of staff and stakeholders including School Leaders, Governors, Senior Officers, Elected Members and the Regional Schools Commissioner.

A consultation on school funding arrangements, including the implementation of the national funding formula is currently live as detailed in section 3.3 above.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The details in this paper have no direct financial implications for the Council, other than those already detailed in the October 2017 report to the Executive on the future delivery of education services.

There are significant implications for individual schools in North Somerset of the options for the implementation of the national funding formula in North Somerset.

## **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The risk of not having appropriate arrangements to support school improvement or to effectively distribute resources include:

- Children and Young People not achieving their educational potential;
- Not fulfilling the Council statutory responsibilities for educational outcomes for children and young people in North Somerset and particularly in relation to maintained schools;
- Not maximising resources to improve educational outcomes in North Somerset.

## **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

The Government have produced an [equalities impact assessment](#) for the implementation of the national funding formula.

## **8. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

None, other than those already detailed in the October 2017 report to the Executive on the future delivery of education services.

## **9. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

A number of options are being, or have been, considered as part of the consultation processes for each of the elements detailed in this report.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Education Transformation report to the Children and Young People's Policy and Scrutiny Panel July 2017

<http://apps.n-somerset.gov.uk/cairo/docs/doc28203.pdf>

December 2016 Executive Committee Report on the future delivery of education services

<http://apps.n-somerset.gov.uk/cairo/docs/doc27797.pdf>

April 2017 Executive Committee Report on the future delivery of education services

<http://apps.n-somerset.gov.uk/cairo/docs/doc28045.pdf>

October 2017 Executive Committee Report on the future delivery of education services

<http://apps.n-somerset.gov.uk/cairo/docs/doc28377.pdf>

Educational Excellence Everywhere White Paper

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/educational-excellence-everywhere>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/next-steps-to-spread-educational-excellence-everywhere-announced>