

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	08 January 2020
Title of Report:	Attendance Consultation
Lead Member:	Councillor Jon Taylor (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Transformation)
Lead Strategic Director:	Alison Botham (Director for Childrens Services)
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Your Reference:	AB.IM.131119/5
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report provides a summary of the responses received during the Attendance Consultation held during the period 2nd to 30th September 2019.

Recommendations and Reasons

To note the contents of the report and endorse the next steps. This is prior to the Cabinet decision making process.

Alternative options considered and rejected

This is a report only as requested by Education and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report provides a summary of the responses received to the Attendance Consultation document. The work in relation to school attendance supports 'A Growing City'. It helps to make sure children and young people benefit from regular education in order to achieve; develop the necessary skills to be productive citizens who can make a sustained contribution to both the society and economy of the city. It will also help to reduce inequalities within the city.

The work in relation to school attendance supports 'A Caring Plymouth – Focus on prevention and early intervention' we work to ensure that the support offered to young people where school attendance is a concern is timely and takes steps to make sure the appropriate support is in place.

The work reflects our values of co-operation between partners and the recognition that as a society, we are responsible for each other. The report summarises the consultation feedback from both statutory agencies and families which will be considered in reviewing the Code of Conduct on the use of penalty notices with regard to school attendance.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The report sets out the summary of consultation feedback received during the Attendance consultation. Therefore, there are no implication arising from this report. However, it is recognised that there may be implications to be considered when the outcome of the consultation is concluded.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

The consultation was made available online to the public and stakeholders in order to minimise the use of resources.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

School Attendance

Child Poverty: Regular attendance at school provides a routine for parent/carers which allows them to take paid employment and reduce the impact of child poverty. It improves children's potential for future employment, education and training.

Community Safety: (due regard to preventing crime and disorder): Poor school attendance and bullying increases the risk of child exploitation and anti social behavior. It is important to safeguard children who are vulnerable by ensuring children are seen and supported by professionals and families to reduce this risk.

Health and Safety (any health and safety implications): Regular attendance at school provides oversight and monitoring that identifies when a child is at risk, or vulnerable and in need of support. This identification enables support to be arranged in a timely way.

Risk Management (to identify any risk management issues): The management of children missing education and concerns arising regarding successful inclusion in school enable both action to be taken to safeguarding the individual child, and take steps to reduce the impact of this for other children. Close working with school and other partners is important to achieve this outcome effectively.

Appendices


Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)						
		<i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i>						
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A	Attendance Consultation							

Background papers:

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Judith Harwood											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 06/01/2020											
Cabinet Member approval:											
											
Date approved: 16/12/2019											