

Cabinet Member Responses to Recommendations

Agenda item	Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee recommendations (12 January 2022)	Response from Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills
Achievement and Attainment of Children in West Sussex	Consider School Readiness and Mental Health support to be key areas that impact on the attainment of children and ask that these are focused on in the development of the Education and Skills Strategy.	I welcome the Committee highlighting these areas and agree that school readiness and the emotional health and wellbeing of pupils are key factors that affect the attainment and achievement of children in West Sussex. Consultation with stakeholders, will take place during spring, which will include the engagement with Councillors, to identify the areas of priority for education and learning to shape the development of the Education and Skills Strategy and these two important areas will form part of those discussions. I will ensure to keep the Committee updated on the stakeholder sessions so that Councillors can be engaged in this process and am pleased to see that the Committee will be reviewing the outcome of the stakeholder sessions at its meeting in June so that it can provide further input into the Strategy's development.