

Responses to Recommendations

Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee recommendations	Responder	Response/Update
8 June 2022 - Governance and Forward Planning Arrangements in Children's Services		
Highlights the importance of Education and Skills given the key areas of work within the service and asks that the governance structures are reviewed to ensure the Education and Skills workstreams are adequately reflected.	Assistant Director (Education and Skills)	Work has been undertaken in line with Service Development work being carried out in the department which is now reflected in the structures. This will be shown in an update on the operational boards that will be circulated virtually to Committee members in Spring 2023.
Requests further details on the Operational Boards outlined in Appendix 1 as they develop (to include Terms of Reference and work undertaken).	Assistant Director (Children First Transformation)	An update will be circulated virtually to Committee members in Spring 2023.
12 July 2022 – Draft Outcomes on Securing an Education and Learning Strategy 2022- 2025		
Considers that it is important that the Strategy is ambitious and provides equal opportunities for all children in West Sussex, and asks that this is considered as a theme running across the strategy.	Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills (Cllr Nigel Jupp)	This is agreed and will be reflected in the Strategy.
Requests that Theme 1 is strengthened to include high achieving, gifted and able children, those that are Electively Home Educated, and also vocational learning is more explicitly referenced in the strategy.	Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills (Cllr Nigel Jupp)	The Theme is being refined to reflect achievement of all children, along with vocational education provision in Key Stage 4. The County Council's current responsibility for children Electively Home Educated is restricted by statute, with the current role of signposting parents to what is available for them. Local Authorities do not currently have a role with regard to raising achievement of those children Electively Home Educated

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Asks that the Strategy is agile and flexible enough to take into account any changes in data outcomes that can impact the themes and focus, for example disadvantaged data, as well as any policy changes.	Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills (Cllr Nigel Jupp)	The Strategy will be underpinned by workstreams and these workstreams will be responsive to changing need.
Asks that there is clear alignment between this Strategy and the proposed Adults Skills Strategy to ensure young people transition smoothly into adulthood.	Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills (Cllr Nigel Jupp)	This is being planned.
Would like to see further detail on the service development and partnership working (Theme 7) as the Strategy is developed, and when it returns to the Committee, to understand what this will entail, given the importance of partnership working in achieving successful outcomes.		This will be evident when the Strategy returns to the Committee for scrutiny.
Highlights the importance of the SEND Sufficiency Plan to increase 500 additional specialist places in West Sussex and asks that the Committee is kept updated on the progress of the Plan.	Assistant Director (Education and Skills)	An update will be provided to the CYPSSC Business Planning Group on 20 October and will also be circulated to all Committee Members.