

ITEM 8

Children and Young People Scrutiny Board
17 December 2018

Minute Extract

35/18 Off-Rolling in Derby Schools

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People Services in relation to off-rolling in Derby schools, following a recent motion to Council regarding the practice.

It was reported that off-rolling was the practice of removing pupils from a school's roll, often to manipulate exam results. The Board heard that based on national data, in 2016 there were 539,844 in Year 10 state schools that submitted census data, but in 2017 there were only 526,956 had their results included for league tables.

The report noted that anecdotal evidence existed of off-rolling in some Derby schools and recommended that an urgent review was carried out to establish the extent of the practice in the city.

The Board supported the proposal and suggested that exclusions, isolation and delayed admissions were also examined as part of the review. Members also suggested that the review was not limited to Secondary Schools.

The Board resolved:

- 1. To recommend that Council Cabinet commission an urgent review of off-rolling in Derby schools.**
- 2. To request that the findings of the review are presented to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board for further consideration.**