

ITEM 8

Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board

Recommendations from the meeting held on 9February 2016

Item 8 2015 Annual Education Performance Outcomes

Members considered a report of the Acting Director for Children and Young People on pupil outcomes, (progress and attainment. Members were informed that outcomes remain below national in Derby and in order to address this Council has developed a partnership led approach to school improvement, using expertise from within the City to secure improvements. Members questioned whether the higher take up of 2-year-old funding reported is spread evenly across wards and questioned if there is a correlation between outcomes and take-up. Officers reported that the data is available to analyse this by ward.

Members discussed the issue around the quality of marking for GCSE level following a high number of re-grading in 2015 and the impact that this has had on schools, students and their grades. The Board was informed that complaints have been made by Headteachers through their Union groups and subject heads through subject associations. The Board recognised a need for the Council to support teachers' in making these pleas.

The Board resolved to recommended that:

- 1) A report is prepared and brought to a future scrutiny board meeting on the outcomes of scrutiny carried out by the Council through the children's quality assurance team meeting including:**
 - a. the analysis of any correlation between outcomes and the take-up of 2-year-old funding by ward;**
 - b. details of interventions resulting from quality assurance outcomes.**
- 2) Council Cabinet supports Headteachers in raising the issues around poor quality marking at GCSE level through the appropriate avenues.**