

Select Committee – Educational Attainment

Terms of Reference

To examine the reasons for variations in Key Stage performance of all Kent schools with a focus to those schools in areas of deprivation.

Purpose and objective of review:

- a) To examine levels of attainment at KS2 by reviewing the performance of all schools at a district level. This will include the identification of schools in areas of deprivation in each district. These schools will have the highest levels of Free School Meals and Index of Multiple Deprivation. It will also include a review of those schools with 2 or more years below the national floor target of 55% for combined English and Maths and those schools with a 3 year declining or improving trend.
- b) To gain an understanding of the nationally agreed factors that contribute to differential achievement in deprived areas and how those factors impact on children's individual attainment and on overall school performance.
- c) To explore what measures have been put in place in schools and their surrounding communities to mitigate the effects of disadvantage or low attainment and consider their effectiveness. To explore the factors that have enabled some schools within individual districts to have broken the link between deprivation and poor attainment.
- d) To propose any additional action the Select Committee believes would be helpful in raising attainment either across Kent generally or in individual districts.