

**Select Committee Action Plan updates – Key Stage 2 Attainment
(24 October 2012)**

Cabinet portfolio: Mr M Whiting

Synopsis: The Scrutiny Committee has a role in monitoring the select committee action plan setting out how officers propose to take the select committee recommendations forward. The Educational Attainment Select Committee review was established on 3 February 2011 chaired by Mr Chris Wells. The Committee examined the reasons for variations in Key Stage 2 performance of all Kent schools was a focus to those schools in areas of deprivation. The update report identified the initial outcomes of the actions to implement the Educational Attainment Select Committee recommendations and the further actions planned.

Recommendations and responses:

- 1. Thank Mr Whiting and Mrs Rogers for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions.**
- 2. Commend the improvement in Key Stage 2 standards in 2012**

Cabinet Member's Response:

I am grateful to the Scrutiny Committee for the helpful debate around the Key Stage 2 report and for commending rather than noting the report. I am confident that the ELS Directorate will ensure the improvement continues with the challenge to be in line or just ahead of our statistical neighbours in 2013. The Key Stage 2 select committee, chaired by Mr. Wells, has supported the improvement in Key Stage 2 and we are committed to sharing the findings of that report with all schools and other partners and agencies who support children and their families.

Date of Response:

31st October 2012

**Select Committee Action Plan updates – Student Journey
(24 October 2012)**

Cabinet portfolio: Mr M Whiting

Synopsis: The Scrutiny Committee has a role in monitoring the select committee action plan setting out how officers propose to take the select committee recommendations forward. The Student Journey Select Committee review was established in March 2011 chaired by Mr Kit Smith. The action plan update report identified the initial outcomes of the actions to implement the Student Journey Select Committee recommendations and the further actions planned.

Recommendations and responses:

- 3. Thank Mr Whiting and Mr Blincow for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions.**
- 4. Members note the Student Journey Action Plan**
- 5. Members recognise the legislative and policy changes made that impact on the Student Journey Select Committee recommendations**

Cabinet Member's Response:

I am grateful to the scrutiny committee for the very helpful debate and for the inclusion of the Kent Graduates in the discussion. The Skills and Employability service will be working diligently on all the recommendations of the Student Journey Select Committee report. Working with a wide range of providers, employers and young people on the delivery of the ambitions and priorities of the 14-24 Learning, Skills and Employment Strategy, which the recommendations of the Student Journey are clearly linked to.

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