

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
18 SEPTEMBER 2018
SOCIAL EXCLUSIONS
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To scrutinise the response to the level of permanent exclusions from schools in the City and work to minimise the negative impact on outcomes for those children and young people excluded.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to review the level of permanent exclusions from schools in Nottingham; and action being taken to reduce the number of permanent exclusions from school.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Last year, during discussions with some academies in the City and the Regional Schools Commissioner, the issue of how schools deal with inappropriate and/or challenging behaviour by pupils came up and the use of exclusion from school as a response. The Committee decided to explore the level of permanent exclusions from schools in the City and the impact of exclusion on those children and young people.
- 3.2 In December 2017 the Committee spoke to the then Portfolio Holder for Business, Education and Skills and the Head of Access and Inclusion about the level of permanent school exclusions, the reasons for exclusions and the Nottingham City Council response.
- 3.3 The Committee was concerned about the relatively high level of permanent school exclusions at secondary school level and the increasing number of permanent school exclusions at primary school level. The Committee was reassured that this was also an issue of concern for the Portfolio Holder and Council's Head of Access and Inclusion and that action was already being planned, including through Schools Forum, to try and tackle the issue through early intervention and preventative work. The Committee decided to review progress on implementing these actions in due course.
- 3.4 A paper from the Head of Access and Inclusion is attached providing an update on progress, and the Portfolio Holder for Education and Skills and the Head of Access and Inclusion will be attending the meeting to answer the Committee's questions about this.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Paper on school exclusions from the Head of Access and Inclusion

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 Report to and minutes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 19 December 2017

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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