

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

10 July 2024

Priority Education Investment Area (PEIA) Update

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide information and an update to Scrutiny Committee on the partnership work between the Department for Education (DfE), Nottingham City Council and Multi Academy Trusts operating schools in the city, on local education priorities identified and being supported with additional government funding as an identified Priority Education Investment Area.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked if it wishes to make any comments or recommendations on the information provided at the meeting.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Nottingham was confirmed as one of 24 Priority Education Investment Areas (Priority Areas) in March 2022, in the Schools White Paper: Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child.
- 3.2 Priority Areas are a subset of the 55 Education Investment Areas (EIAs) announced by the DfE in the Levelling Up White Paper (Feb 2022), and comprise of the 12 existing DfE Opportunity Areas and 12 other EIAs that have particularly low attainment and high rates of disadvantage.
- 3.3 The stated ambition of government that underpin the establishment of EIA's and Priority Areas is that by 2030:
 - 90% of pupils are meeting the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths combined at Key Stage 2, with an increase of over a third in the lowest performing areas.
 - National GCSE average grade in both English language and in maths is increased from 4.5 in 2019 to 5.
- 3.4 In order to drive this ambition and the programme in Nottingham a local governance board was established by the Regional Director of the DfE working with the Local Authority, Multi Academy Trusts operating in the city and the two local universities. The Board has met on a monthly basis since July 2002 and is chaired by Professor Jane McNeil, Pro Vice Chancellor Education at Nottingham Trent University. Board membership is made up of CEO's of Multi Academy Trusts covering primary and secondary phases and special schools, the CEO of the

Nottingham Schools Trust (representing LA Maintained schools) the Director of Education Services at NCC, the DfE's Regional Director, senior representatives from the two city Universities, and professional leads from research schools covering pedagogy and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

- 3.5 The Committee last received an update on the PEIA in November 2023 which outlined Nottingham's priorities and the actions taken to date on delivering against those priorities. A number of partners will be present to update the Committee on progress made since then.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 None

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 None

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All

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