Agenda Item 9



Report to the Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee Thursday 3rd April 2014

Report of: Pupil Premium Task & Finish Group

Cllr Gill Furniss, Task & Finish Group Chair

Subject: Pupil Premium Task & Finish Group – Draft Report

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Summary:

In December 2013, this Scrutiny Committee established the Pupil Premium Task & Finish Group. The aim of the Task & Finish Group was to undertake a short term review to identify best practice and any recommendations in terms of the use of pupil premium and its impact on attainment in Sheffield Primary Schools. The review took place between January-March 2014.

The Working Group would now like to present their report back to the Scrutiny Committee for sign off.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other: Task & Finish Group - Draft Report for sign off	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

1 Sign off the Report which has been produced by the Pupil Premium Task & Finish Group (Appendix A)

Background Papers: n/a

Category of Report: OPEN

Pupil Premium Task & Finish Group - Draft Report

1. Introduction/Context

- 1.1 The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 to provide additional support for looked after children and those from low income families. The aim of pupil premium is to provide additional funds to help close the existing attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and more affluent backgrounds
- 1.2The Pupil Premium Task & Finish Group was established in December 2013 by the Children, Young People & Family Support Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee to undertake a short term review into the use of pupil premium and its impact on attainment in Sheffield Primary Schools.
- 1.3 The review took place between January-March 2014.
- 1.4 The Task & Finish Group used a range of techniques to undertake this review including desk top research, meetings and interviews.

2. Matters for consideration

2.1 The Pupil Premium Task & Finish Group is presenting its draft report for sign off by the Scrutiny Committee.

3. What does this mean for the people of Sheffield?

3.1 It is important that Pupil Premium funding is delivering the expected outcomes and having an impact on the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and more affluent backgrounds.

4. Recommendations

4.1 That the Committee approve the final draft report which has been produced by the Pupil Premium Task & Finish Group

Appendix A – final draft report