

**Education and Children’s Services
Scrutiny Committee
9 June 2016**

**Covering Report:
School Education Performance and Trends**

Summary and Objectives

1. The objective of this scrutiny is for the committee to understand, and make any recommendations in relation to, the trends in Suffolk school education performance.

Scrutiny Focus

2. The focus for this scrutiny is a look-back on the validated 2015 school performance results, and the year-on-year trends and comparative rate of progress (including the performance trends at the Pupil Referral Units); a factual position update to enable discussion with the Committee.

How this relates to County Council priorities

3. This scrutiny is linked to the County Council’s corporate priorities as indicated below:

The County Council’s Corporate Priorities	Link to this scrutiny
Raising educational attainment and skill levels	✓
Supporting the LEPs to increase economic growth	✓
Maintaining roads and developing Suffolk’s infrastructure	
Supporting those most vulnerable in our communities	✓
Empowering local communities	

4. Having considered the evidence, the Committee may wish to:
 - i) make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, and/or the Corporate Director for Children and Young People’s Services;
 - ii) agree topics which could benefit from more detailed scrutiny at a future meeting, seek to influence partner organisations, or request further information.

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Background / Reference

5. The validated school education performance statistics for 2015 will have been available as from February 2016. This is the first opportunity that the Committee has had to scrutinise the validated performance results and trends.
6. In addition to the published material there will be verbal input from Officers, to enable discussion by the Committee.
7. There will be a verbal update from Officers on the Pupil Referral Units (PRU) and how their performance is measured.
8. There is also, for information at this stage, at Agenda Item 8, Information Bulletin, a summary briefing on the current status of the government's current consultations on school funding and the white paper on 'Education Excellence Everywhere'.

Main Body of Evidence (attached)

- (i) **Evidence Set 1** (3 pages) – Raising the Bar 2015-2017, Progress Report 1 February 2016.

References

- (i) There is summary information on key measures of Raising the Bar and how Suffolk is performing against national figures on the SCC Raising the Bar website, 'How are we doing?': <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/raising-the-bar/how-are-we-doing/>