

Local Members' Interest
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Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee – 25 July 2014

Executive Response to the Final Report and Recommendations of the Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority School Improvement Arrangements Working Group

Recommendations

1. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee receives the formal response of the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills, to the recommendations of the working group on the Ofsted Inspection of school improvement arrangements.
2. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee considers the content of the accompanying action plan.
3. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee monitors the action plan and implementation of the agreed recommendations on a six monthly exception basis, until all recommendations have been fully implemented.

Report of Cabinet Member, Learning and Skills

Summary

What is the Select Committee being asked to do and why?

4. The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee are asked to receive the formal response to the final report and recommendations of the working group on the Ofsted Inspection of School Improvement Arrangements and to make arrangements to monitor the plan for implementing the agreed recommendations – to make sure that action is taken and delivers the intended outcome.

Report

Background

5. The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee undertook a review into the Ofsted Inspection of school improvement arrangements following discussions at their meeting of 6 September 2013. At that meeting Members received details of the new Ofsted inspection regime and considered the inspection process, the authority's self evaluation and Members role in this process. As a result of this they agreed to set up a working group to consider the existing intervention and improvement arrangements, acting as a critical friend in assessing the readiness for inspection.
6. The findings and recommendations of the working group were endorsed by the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee at their meeting on 24 January 2014. The

report was then submitted to the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills with a request for their formal response. All of the recommendations were agreed.

7. Attached as an Appendix to this report is a table setting out:

- each of the agreed recommendations;
- the organisation/lead Member or officer;
- the action proposed (or already taken) in response to the agreed recommendations; and
- a deadline for completion.

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List of Appendices/Background papers

- Executive Response Action Plan (appended)
- Minutes of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee meeting held on 24 January 2014
- Report of the Working Group on the Ofsted Inspection of LA School Improvement Arrangements