

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Education Advisory Board held on Tuesday, 3 July 2018 at 4.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Suzy Horton (in the Chair)
Councillor Tom Coles

Alison Jeffery, Director Children, Families and Education
Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director of Children, Families and Education
Jo Peach, Director of Learning, Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance
Hilary Loder, Independent Chair of the Portsmouth Education Partnership Strategic Board

7. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jeff Williams, Director of Education for the Anglican Diocese.

8. Declarations of interests

Councillor Tom Coles declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as he is on the Academy Advisory Board at Penhale Infant School.

Councillor Suzy Horton declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as she is a governor at Craneswater Junior School.

9. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 February 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2018 be confirmed and signed by the chair as a correct record.

10. School Improvement Update

Jo Peach, Director of Learning at Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance and Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director of Children and Families - Education introduced the report.

Mike Stoneman explained that the council commission the Portsmouth Teaching School Alliance to deliver targeted school improvement for LA Maintained Schools, but do this under the auspices of the Portsmouth Education Partnership (PEP) and the PEP School Improvement Board. The School Improvement Board is chaired by a headteacher and school improvement priorities for the city are agreed by the Board.

Jo Peach went on to explain that the Board is now working well with increased membership of Headteachers from both LA maintained schools and academies. The Board has overseen applications to the Strategic School

Improvement Fund, two of which have been successful already securing nearly £0.5m of funding for the city focused on agreed priorities. The PEP encourages all schools to have an external challenge / validation either through peer review or external verification (e.g. Challenge Partners).

There were five priorities for 2017-18, all of which are likely to feature in 2018/19 subject to agreement by the School Improvement Board. They were:

SEND in mainstream - this is a significant issue and the PEP was successful in securing a SSIF bid of £200,000 to support 18 schools focusing in improving outcomes for pupils on SEN Support in mainstream. Some other schools not already included have shown an interest in joining. Best practice will be shared across the city and a conference is taking place in November.

Closing the gap for disadvantaged pupils - another successful bid to the SSIF securing £200,000 to support 18 schools in order to improve the outcomes for disadvantaged children. Best practice will be shared across the city and a conference is taking place in October.

Improving outcomes for the most able - this in early stages and will be a key focus in 2018/19.

Subject specific support: networks have been established for Maths, English, MFL and Science

Leadership - a range of leadership courses are running for middle and senior leaders including NPQLs (ML and SL) through Institute of Education for which the Teaching School has set up a local hub (no cost to schools due to DfE subsidy), and leadership programmes run through Ambition School Leadership.

Ms Peach then summarised the other support the PEP were providing as outlined in the report and added that since the report had been written, all maintained schools except one have had either an external review or an Ofsted inspection in 2017-18.

School Improvement support for LA maintained schools

Mrs Jeffery asked whether it would be possible for the PEP to complete a summary of the evaluations received. Mr Stoneman suggested that this could be done for the next EAB meeting in the autumn to judge the impact on outcomes as the provisional data would then be available. Case studies for specific schools could be included. Councillor Horton added that it would be useful to include some qualitative statements from schools to see their views on the impact of the support received.

In response to a question from Councillor Horton, Ms Peach said that for the SSIF funded programmes 70% of schools taking part must meet the eligibility criteria. Ms Peach confirmed that every school in Portsmouth is involved in one or more of the programmes that is run through the PEP.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

11. Recent Ofsted Inspections

The report was introduced by Mike Stoneman who summarised the six Ofsted school inspections that had taken place during the spring and early summer terms.

Mr Stoneman referred to Stamshaw Junior School's latest Ofsted result of Requires Improvement. This was disappointing as the school were in requires improvement when Portswood Academy Trust took over the school four years ago. The LA is working with the RSC and the Trust to improve the position.

Mr Stoneman added that two further inspections had taken place in May and June. The Ofsted report for Portsdown Primary was now available and the school had retained their good status. The Ofsted report for Southsea Infant School was not yet published.

In response to a question about how many schools in the city were rated as requires improvement, Mr Stoneman said there were the following:

LA maintained schools - St Jude's CofE Primary School and Milton Park Primary School. Mr Stoneman advised they St Jude's would be inspected again within the next 12-18 months and the LA was confident that the school would move to Good. Milton Park Primary is also improving.

Academy schools - Ark Dickens Primary, Ark Ayrton Primary, Stamshaw Junior, King Richard and Isambard Brunel Junior were all rated as requires improvement.

RESOLVED members of the Education Advisory Board noted the outcomes of the school inspections that were undertaken during the spring and early summer terms 2018.

Dates of future meetings:

This were confirmed as Tuesday 2 October 2018 and Wednesday 6 February 2019. The summer term meeting would be held during the last week of term.

In terms of items for the next meeting Mr Stoneman suggested the following items:

- Provisional results 2018 - EYFSP, KS1, KS2 and KS4
- Evaluation of 17/18 school improvement
- Refresh of the education strategy

The meeting concluded at 4.45 pm.

Councillor Suzy Horton
Chair