

Portsmouth City Council Scrutiny Scoping Document

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| Scrutiny Panel | Education, Children and Young People |
| Topic | School attendance with a focus on transitional years |
| Purpose of enquiry inc. potential outcomes. (The remit to be clear and concise as this statement forms the backbone of the enquiry) | <p>This topic was agreed by the Scrutiny Management Panel on 16 January 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the main reasons for school absence in transitional years, particularly Years 6 to 7 and Years 11 to 12 and to review the Council's and wider Portsmouth Education Partnership strategies to improve school attendance • To investigate where there is good practice and where there is scope for improvement in relation to the transition years into secondary. |
| Reason for enquiry | To consider the drop in school attendance and increase in suspensions following transition to year 7. |
| Enquiry format | Three formal evidence gathering meetings. |
| Corporate Priority linked to | A city of lifelong learning |
| Relevant Cabinet Member(s) | Cllr Horton, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education |
| Relevant officers | <p>Sarah Daly, Director of Children, Families and Education Mike Stoneman, Deputy Director, Education Liz Robinson, Head of Inclusion Debbie Anderson, Head of School Improvement and Early years Sarah Christopher, PEP and Inclusion Manager Neil Stevenson, Admissions, Attendance, Exclusions and Reintegration Manager</p> |
| Consultees & stakeholders | <p>Headteachers / Principals - schools PEP Strategic Board Members (includes all 14 MAT leads) Parents and carers</p> |
| Start Date | Late January/early February 2023 |
| Target Completion Date | End of March 2023 |