

**Title of meeting:** Cabinet

**Date of meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Subject:** Response to Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

**Report by:** Interim Head of Education

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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## **1. Purpose of report**

The Education Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Panel conducted a review into the use of Pupil Premium money in Portsmouth Schools and the impact of the spend on narrowing the gap and the purpose of this report is to respond the Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel.

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the panel is thanked for its work in undertaking the review

2.2 That the Cabinet notes and supports the recommendations in the report, which are listed on pages 6-7 of the report.

2.3 The original report is circulated with a covering letter to all schools to advise of the panel's findings and to highlight the ongoing importance of the PPG

## **3. Background**

The aim of the review was to investigate how schools are using and reporting pupil premium monies and whether the Council could identify and disseminate good practice. It was also intended to use the process to ensure that all schools are sharing information about pupil premium appropriately including;

- Consideration of the impact of following the introduction of PPG.
- To gain an insight into how PPG is currently being used in Portsmouth City Council schools.
- To review the effectiveness of the reporting process by schools.
- To review the Local Authority's role in supporting schools with pupil premium.

- To establish the amount of PPG each school in Portsmouth receives.
- To establish the level of awareness among school governors on the use of PPG in their schools.
- To identify and share good practice.

During the review which was carried out between September 2014 and February 2015, the Panel received evidence from a number of sources, which it used to draw up a series of recommendations to submit to the Cabinet.

**4. Reasons for recommendations**

The recommendations in this report endorse the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Panel, and ensure that the recommendations leading from the panel's findings will be acted upon to ensure that a coordinated school response to the use and outcomes of pupil premium grant is fully embedded across all of the city schools.

**5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)**

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the recommendations in the report do not contain any equality issues

**6. Legal implications**

Legal comments are incorporated in the body of the scrutiny report.

**7. Finance comments**

The financial implications are contained within the scrutiny report.

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**Appendices:**

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/  
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