Item No. 13.	Classification: Open	Date: 8 November 2011	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Pupil performance in 2010-2011and the developments linked to the School for Children in Care	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Children's Services	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.   The Committee is asked to note the information in the report.

2.   To feedback any comments and recommendations to the Strategic Director of Children's Services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.   **Attainment at GCSE and equivalent:** There were 63 Year 11 pupils in care at the time of the examinations. However, the DfE calculates performance on the basis of those pupils who had been in care for at least 12 months continuously and were still in care as at 31 March 2011. 47 pupils fell within these criteria which means in statistical terms each pupil represents over 2% of the cohort. Of the 47 pupils only 11 were in Southwark schools.

4.   Based on the headline attainment measures of 5+A*-C inc English and maths and 5+A*-C for Southwark Children in Care (CIC) have risen substantially and compare favourably with London and national figures in 2010. (2011national figures not yet published) It is also pleasing to note that the proportion of pupils not attaining any GCSE or equivalent has fallen. Southwark CIC in Southwark schools performed slightly better than in schools elsewhere.

5.   Pleasingly there was a marked closing of the gap in performance between Southwark CIC compared to all Southwark pupils.

Attainment at GCSE or equivalent									
Attainment measure	Children in Care (47 pupils in 2011			All Southwark pupils			Gap between CIC and all Southwark pupils		
Year	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
% 5+A*-C inc EM	13	13	**23* (+10%)**	46	56	57	33	43	34
% 5+A*-C	13.	25	**43* (+18)**	68	79	81	55	54	38
%5*+A-G	37	60	**60* (+0%)**	93	94	94	56	34	34
% 1+A*-G	67	68	**75* (+7%)**	99	99	99	32	31	24

 *Provisional results subject to change.

6. **Progress Key Stage 2-Key Stage 4:** The national expectation is that all children are expected to make at least 3 levels of progress between KS2 and KS4 in English and in maths. We are awaiting release of the national data set for CIC in schools outside Southwark to confirm these figures.

7. **Attainment at Key Stage 2:** There were 16 Year 6 pupils in care at the time of the Key Stage 2 tests. Only 11 pupils will be included in the DfE measure of KS2 attainment which makes meaningful interpretation problematic given each pupil is worth over 9%. English results fell whilst Maths rose reversing the pattern in 2010. Maths remains above 2010 national and London averages, whereas English and combined English and maths are in line. The gap with Southwark pupils is relatively similar as in 2010.

Attainment Indicator	Children in Care (11 pupils in 2011			All Southwark pupils		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
KS2 Level 4+ English	40	60	46* (-14)	80	80	83
KS2 Level 4+ Maths	45	40	55* (+15)	79	80	82
KS2 Level 4 + English/Maths		46	36* (-10)	72	73	76

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8. Progress Key Stage 1 - Key Stage 2: The national expectation is that all children are expected to make at least 2 levels of progress between KS1 and Key Stage 2 in English and in maths. We are awaiting release of the national data set for CIC in schools outside Southwark to confirm these figures

9. **Attendance Exclusions**: We are awaiting confirmation of these figures. However the number permanent exclusions remains very low. There is a small cohort of pupils particularly in Key Stage 4, where despite intervention, persistent absence continues to be an issue.

Attendance and Exclusions				
	Southwark CIC			National
	2009	2010	2011	2011
% of permanent exclusions	2	0.05	TBA	TBA
% CLA missing at least 25 days of school	7	10	TBA	TBA

10. **Home Tuition:** The contract with Fleet Tutors has been extended for a further year Provision will now be targeted on those who have the greatest need across Years 7-11 as identified through the PEP process. Tuition will be offered mainly in English and/or maths but other subjects will be offered where appropriate

11. **Pupil premium:** In this financial year schools with CIC (who have been in care for sixth months on 31 March 2011) will receive the pupil premium of £486 (recently raised from £430). This funding is not ring fenced. In Southwark we are proposing to make the payment following a professional dialogue about its use in the autumn term PEP meeting.

12. **Establishment of the Virtual School for Children in Care:** The school has

subsumed the key functions of the education services for children in care. The new structure takes note of the financial pressure on the local authority and the statutory responsibilities. The Virtual School is led by the Leader of the School for Children in Care (commonly termed the Virtual Headteacher), supported by a Secondary and Primary Education Officer. The post of Project Officer has been created with oversight for data tracking, attendance, home tuition and other initiatives. A position has also been created within the SEN/CareLink teams for an officer with specific responsibility for CIC with SEN.

13. This reflects the vision of making much greater use of services from specialist LA teams or externally. This is viewed as the sustainable approach in the longer term.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

14. The Committee is asked to note the information in the report.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

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