

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 23 February 2016	Meeting Name: Corporate Parenting Committee
Report title:		Annual Virtual Headteacher's Report	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Director, Children's Social Care	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the corporate parenting committee notes the virtual headteacher's report for Southwark Looked After Children set out at Appendix 1.
2. To feed back any comments to the corporate parenting committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. As Southwark Council is the "Corporate Parent" for these looked after children, it is the council's responsibility to ensure that the children within our care have the best possible chance at accomplishing high educational achievements. Through the role of virtual headteacher, it is ensured that the best education provision is upheld; along with continuous work to ensure swift action is taken in time of change and crisis to secure prompt change to the child's educational needs that are catered to them individually.
4. The virtual headteacher's report outlines the educational progress, attainment and attendance of Southwark's children in care and indicates key priorities for the virtual school.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. Where pupils remain in Southwark schools, progress is good. Pupil attendance and rates of fixed term exclusions are improving. The innovative use of Pupil Premium is impacting positively on education stability. Key Stage 5 (16, 17, 18 year olds) NEET is at its lowest recorded level.
6. Personal education plan completion rates are poor.

Community impact statement

7. This item will have an impact on the work that the council does with looked after children.
8. The decision to note this report has been judged to have no or a very small impact on local people and communities.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Virtual Headteacher's report

AUDIT TRAIL

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Director of Law and Democracy	No	No
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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