

<b>Item No.</b> 9.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 21 July 2015	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Cabinet
<b>Report title:</b>		Narrowing the Achievement Gap	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the cabinet considers the recommendations by education & children's services scrutiny sub-committee and that the relevant cabinet member brings back a report to cabinet, in order to respond to the overview and scrutiny committee, within eight weeks.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Attached is the final report arising from the scrutiny review looking at how to Narrow the Achievement Gap amongst pupils. The starting point was raising educational attainment and promoting positive outcomes for all children in the borough. This review aimed to positively impact on delivering the council plan commitments to:
  - ensure that 70% of students at every secondary school get at least 5 good GCSEs.
  - guarantee education, employment or training for every school leaver in Southwark.
3. The overview and scrutiny committee considered the sub-committee's report at its meeting on 20 May 2015. The committee welcomed the report and the valuable work of the sub-committee.

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The committee's recommendations for consideration by cabinet are set out within the body of the report attached as Appendix A.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee administrative year 2014/15	Scrutiny Team 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Julie Timbrell 020 7525 0514
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## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Narrowing the Achievement Gap

## AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Director of Legal Services	N/a	N/a
Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	N/a	N/a
Chief Officers	N/a	N/a
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	N/a	N/a
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