

**SCRUTINY REMIT: CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
ATTAINMENT OF DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS TOPIC GROUP**

Agenda Item

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**DATE DUE AT OSC: DECEMBER 2017**  
**OSC COMMITTEE APPROVED: DECEMBER 2017**  
**WORK PROGRAMME: 2017/18 Q4**

**OBJECTIVE:**

To examine educational attainment of disadvantaged pupils relative to their peers at Key Stage 4, and the steps being taken by various agencies in Hertfordshire to improve this.

**BACKGROUND:**

Narrowing the gap between the educational attainment of disadvantaged pupils at Key Stage 4 and their peers has been a long-standing objective of the Council. The Council has a responsibility for standards at maintained schools. Educational attainment in Academies is the responsibility of the Regional Schools Commissioner.

**QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED:**

1. Is the Council satisfactorily discharging its responsibilities towards maintained schools as regards attainment of disadvantaged pupils?
2. Is the performance of disadvantaged pupils at Academies satisfactory?
3. Are there further steps the council could take in this regard

**OUTCOME/S:**

That elected members are confident that within the resources and powers available, appropriate steps are being taken to support and improve the attainment of disadvantaged pupils at KS4.

**CONSTRAINTS:**

The scrutiny is not intended to address attainment or provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs, or at Key Stages 2 or 5.

**RISK & MITIGATION AFFECTING THIS SCRUTINY:** i.e. how confident are members that the department/organisation has identified risks, impact to services, the budget proposals and has mitigation in place.

**RISK/S:** None identified

**EVIDENCE:**

Simon Newland Operations Director	
HfL Disadvantage lead	
Representative from Maintained School	
Representative from Academy School	
Invitee from office of the RSC	

**METHOD:** 1 day Topic Group      **DATE:** 23 May 2018

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**MEMBERSHIP:** Judi Billing, Dee Hart, Tina Howard (Chairman), Susie Gordon, Jeff Jones, John Sloan (PGR), Mark Watkin

**SUPPORT:**

**Scrutiny Officer:** Charles Lambert

**Lead Officer/s:** Simon Newland, Operations Director: Education

**Democratic Services Officer:** Michelle Diprose

**HCC Priorities for Action: how this item helps deliver the Priorities *delete as appropriate***

1. Opportunity To Thrive ✓
2. Opportunity To Prosper ✓
3. Opportunity To Be Healthy And Safe ✓
4. Opportunity To Take Part ✓

**CfPS ACCOUNTABILITY OBJECTIVES: *delete as appropriate***

1. Transparent – opening up data, information and governance ✓
2. Inclusive – listening, understanding and changing ✓
3. Accountable – demonstrating credibility ✓