

<b>MAYOR AND CABINET</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Matters referred by the Children and Young People Select Committee – Tuition Scheme for Looked After Children	
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No. 12
<b>Ward</b>	All	
<b>Contributors</b>	Children & Young People Select Committee	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: September 5 2007

## 1. Summary

This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments/views of the Children and Young People Select Committee arising from discussions on the tuition scheme for Looked After Children. These are set out in section 3 below.

## 2. Recommendations

The Mayor is recommended to:

- (i) note the views of the Children and Young People Select Committee as set out in section 4; and
- (ii) agree the Executive Director for Children & Young People be asked to comment and provide advice on the views and recommendations of the select committee.

## 3. Children and Young People Select Committees Views

- 3.1 On 10 July, the Committee considered the report on the structure of the tuition scheme for Looked After Children ( LAC) and its outcomes.
- 3.2 The scheme offers young people in Key Stage 4 the opportunity of two hours a week additional tuition outside school hours, in order to improve their attainment in exams. The scheme applies to Year 11 whether they live in or out of the borough and Year 9, which is running from January 2007 until June 2008.
- 3.3 The impact of the scheme has been positive;
  - tutors, who offer tuition to year 9, report that young people demonstrate raised self esteem and confidence levels.
  - In year 11 in the academic year 2005/6, 66.6% of LAC were entered for 1 or more GCSE exam, an increase of 16.6% on the previous year and;

- There was a significant improvement in LAC gaining 5 A\* - C GCSEs in 2006 to 15.2% in comparison with 7.3% the previous year.
- 3.4 The Select Committee recommends that this successful programme should continue and that funding should be secured to Year 9 pupils beyond June 2008. The Committee further recommends that the programme be expanded to include younger children, including those of primary school age, if possible.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this report, however, the committee is calling for additional funds to be secured to help those children of primary school age and Year 9 beyond June 2008

#### **5. Legal Implications**

The Constitution provides for the Select Committees to report to the Mayor and Cabinet and for the Executive to consider the report within one month of receiving it.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

#### Tuition scheme for Looked After Children

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