

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

2 February 2016

Alternative Provision Review

Witness Evidence: School Representatives

School representatives providing witness evidence have been asked the following questions in advance of the committee meeting. These questions are reproduced in the agenda for information and to assist discussion at the meeting.

1. What do you think of the quality of service and delivery being provided in Alternative Provision? What's working? What could be changed or improved? How?
2. Is the current Alternative Provision system value for money?
3. What is the profile of students that you think are best served by Alternative Provision? Do think this will change?
4. The Local Authority is considering how early intervention with vulnerable children and families might reduce the number of students being referred to Alternative Provision – do you think this might be an effective approach and do you have any thoughts on how this could be structured?
5. How do you think providers could support students to achieve better outcomes?
6. Do you have any further thoughts on the structure and organisation of support for students on AP and how this could be improved – particularly in securing better and further qualifications for young people that then ensure secure pathways for progression?
7. Details of what schools do before sending pupils to AP; what are you required to do? What do you typically do? Does this depend on circumstances?