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**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services)      **Date of Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services)      26<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Cabinet      28<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Subject:** NEETS Working Group – Final Report

**Report of:** Director of Corporate Commissioning      **Wards Affected:** All

**Is this a Key Decision?** Yes      **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes

**Exempt/Confidential** No

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### **Purpose/Summary**

To formally present the recommendations in the final report of the NEETS Working Group (not in education, employment and training).

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committees are requested to support the following recommendations and commend them to the Cabinet for approval:-

### **The Cabinet is requested to approve the following recommendations:-**

That the Director of Young People and Families be authorised:-

1. to request head-teachers, and chairs of governors of high schools (including academies and free schools) within the Borough to consider increasing the breadth, range and quality of impartial advice and guidance provision for young people in schools, prior to leaving year 11, to receive advice on the full range of options available to them, and for information to also be made available to parents.
2. to request head-teachers of high schools and principals of colleges within the Borough to consider increasing the level of mentoring support and guidance for young people, in order for them to be better supported in learning about the range of options available to them, prior to leaving school and college.
3. to produce a follow-up report, to be submitted to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee (s) in twelve months time, to include (i) whether the Council is receiving best value for money in terms of services provided within the NEETS area; and (ii) monitoring of looked after young people leaving Council care and their achievements or whether they subsequently fall into the NEETS category.

4. to produce six monthly reports, to be submitted to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee, outlining the latest position with regard to the NEETS.
5. to ensure that the Council and its partners be encouraged to use all available statistical evidence to identify NEET hotspots and agree robust intervention targets to reduce numbers in these areas, together with agreed robust systems for monitoring and evaluating the impact of joint interventions.

**How does the decision contribute to the Council’s Corporate Objectives?**

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	√		
2	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Children and Young People	√		
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

**Reasons for the Recommendation:**

The Working Group has made a number of recommendations that require approval by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services), the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Children’s Services) and the Cabinet.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

There are no financial implications arising for the Council as a direct result of this report.

**Implications:** N/A

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

<b>Legal</b> N/A	
<b>Human Resource</b> N/A	
<b>Equality</b>	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Impact on Service Delivery:** N/A

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has been consulted and has no comments on this report because the contents of the report have no financial implications for the Council. (FD: 2187/13).

The Head of Legal Services has been consulted and has no comments on this report as there are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report. (LD: 1503/13).

The Director of Young People and Families has been consulted on the recommendations contained within this report.

The training providers named within the final report have been advised of the proposals via receipt of the final report.

**Are there any other options available for consideration?** The Cabinet could refuse approval of the recommendations.

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet.

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**Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The NEETS Working Group, jointly established by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration & Environmental Services) and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services), have undertaken a review on issues surrounding the delivery of the NEETS (**not in education, employment and training**) service within the Borough and its final report is attached for consideration.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees are requested to support the recommendations and commend them to the Cabinet for approval.

The Cabinet is requested to approve the recommendations.

A copy of the report by the NEETS Working Group can be accessed on the Council's website via the following link:

<http://modgov.sefton.gov.uk/moderngov/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD1453&ID=1453&RPID=7091941&sch=doc&cat=13388&path=13383%2c13388>