

**CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT**  
**Overview & Scrutiny (Children's Services)**  
**Tuesday 27 January 2015, 6.30 pm**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Period of Report</b>
Ian Moncur	Children, Schools & Families	January 2015

**LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICE** Head of Service, Mike McSorley

- Hillside and Litherland High Schools conversion to sponsored Academies

Hillside and Litherland High Schools will become sponsored academies on 1 March 2015. The schools were put into an Ofsted category at their last inspection and the Secretary of State has made the academy orders to convert the schools into sponsored academies.

- KGV Performance

A Sixth Form College Commissioner assessment of the college was triggered by an inadequate Ofsted grading following inspection in September 2014. This is in line with the intervention policy for sixth form colleges outlined in "Rigour and Responsiveness". The purpose is to assess the capacity of the current leadership and governance team to lead the college back to an Ofsted rating of good or better at the point of re-inspection. A report has been commissioned by the National Director for Young People at the EFA and as part of the improvement process regular case conferences will be held with stakeholders and the Local Authority have been invited to be involved in these meetings.

- Education and Skills Strategy

A Draft Education and Skills Strategy has been developed which is due to go out to consultation with stakeholders in January. The strategy will set out the vision for how all stakeholders will work together to ensure all children and young people in Sefton are equipped with the knowledge, skills and desire to fulfil their potential.

- NW Regional Ofsted Report

The Ofsted Chief Inspector's report for the NW Region was published in December. Sefton did not receive any specific praise or criticism in the report but the risk of inspection can be considered to be high given the number of secondary schools which are not good or better and the differential between primary and secondary inspection outcomes. This is the subject of an ongoing Overview and Scrutiny review.