

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT

Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding) - 20th June 2017

Councillor	Portfolio	Period of Report
John Joseph Kelly	Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Safeguarding	May 2017

Academisation

Officers asked community school for their views on future governance arrangements following a discussion with Cabinet last year. 85% of schools who responded said they wished to remain as community schools and did not want to become academies.

Schools are working with the Council to develop a system of school improvement involving the local authority, partners such as the Diocese and Arch-diocese and teaching schools.

South Sefton College

Cabinet considered the outcome of the consultation on the merger of South Sefton College and Hugh Baird and agreed to the proposals. The statutory notice will now be published and consultation undertaken with staff in the College regarding the transfer to Hugh Baird.

The final decision following any representations to the notice will be taken by Cabinet in July.

SEND Inspection

The Council's statement of action which was required following the SEND inspection was submitted to Ofsted within the required timescale. Ofsted have written to the DCS to explain that they will not be able to let us know whether this is an appropriate plan until after the general election.

In the meantime officers are working on delivering against the actions in the plan.

Children's Social Care Restructure Update

Formal consultation with staff and trade unions closed on 5th May 2017. Some amendments to the structure have been made following feedback and these have been shared with staff and joint trade unions. A report has been prepared for the Lead Member Corporate Resources and it is anticipated that the structure will be agreed 12th June 2017.