

# CABINET MEMBER'S REPORT

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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Welcome, I am delighted to bring you this first report as Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families. I am also pleased to be joined by Councillor Gill Cuthbertson and Councillor Haydn Preece, in the Children, Schools and Families Team.

## **Governors Conference**

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May I had the pleasure of opening and attending the Inaugural Sefton Governors Conference. Over 100 Governors attended from schools across Sefton and gave up our sunniest day of the year so far to attend this important Conference. Our thinking was stimulated by the input of two national speakers – Kate Champion of the National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services and John Chowcat, General Secretary of ASPECT. In addition there were eight workshops over the day covering a range of issues for Governors and schools development, which all the attendees found extremely thought provoking. From the evaluation feedback it is clear that all the participants really enjoyed the Conference and reported the quality of the speakers and workshops as very good. The Conference was hosted by Formby High School, and can I express my thanks to the school for hosting the Conference and especially to all their young people who were not only real ambassadors for the school, but wonderful ambassadors for Sefton.

## **Children's Trust Workshop**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> May we held a second Workshop of the Trust as we develop our next Children and Young Peoples Plan. Over seventy colleagues from partner organisations across the Trust attended the Workshop, which was focused on determining the key priorities for the forthcoming three years. These will be grouped around the following strategic priorities:-

- Safeguarding
- Narrowing the Gap
- Think Family, Think Community
- Resourcing the future

A further event will be held in mid September, as we move to complete this role and again it will continue to be guided by the views and participation by children and young people across the Borough.

### **School Inspections**

The following schools have received successful reports following their recent Ofsted Inspections:-

St. Ambrose Barlow High School	-	Good
St. Michael's High School	-	Good
St. George's Primary School	-	Good
Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School	-	Good
St. Philip's Primary School, Litherland	-	Good

These positive reports continue to reflect the strong quality of our school provision across Sefton.

### **16 – 19 Commissioning**

The smooth transfer of staff from the Learning & Skills Council took place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 when the commissioning and funding of 16 – 19 education transferred to the Local Authority and Children's Trust. It is planned to hold a Sefton 14 – 19 Conference in Autumn involving schools with Sixth Forms, Further Education Colleges, work based learning priorities, regional and national agencies. It is expected by then that the new Government's proposals for 14 – 16 vocational education and national arrangements for 16 – 19 provision will become clearer