

Select Committee on Children's Services – 11 November 2010

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Looked After Children Results

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee about the test results for Looked After Children (LAC).

Background

2. Since November 2007 Dudley has been supporting Looked After Children with a private tutor / mentor programme. This project has been funded by The Creating Chances Charity and Dudley MBC. In the past 12 months – 300 Looked After Children have been supported on a one to one basis. The impact of this project is evidenced in the key stage outcomes outlined below:-

- **English Key Stage 2 Results**

Provisional results for 2010 are 46% level 2 or above which is an increase of 8.6% from last year.

- **Mathematics Key Sage 2 Results**

Provisional results for 2010 are 33.3% level 2 or above which is a fall of 7.3% from last year.

3. In 2009 **7%** of Dudley Looked After Children achieved 5 A* - C GCSE's including Maths and English. The National average is 13%.
4. In 2010 **25%** of Dudley Looked After Children achieved 5 A* - C GCSE's including Maths and English which is a rise of 18% and is now 12% above the national average.
5. Of those Year 11 pupils who took GCSE's, there were a number who received Private Tuition from the Dudley project which has now been running for 3 years. 39% of those year 11 Looked After Children who received private tuition gained 5 A* - C including Maths and English.

Finance

- 6. No financial implications.

Law

- 7. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to do anything calculated to facilitate discharge of any of its functions.

Equality Impact

- 8. This report takes into account the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy.

Recommendation

- 9. It is recommended that the Committee note this report and endorse the work that Children's Services do with this group of young people.



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