



Agenda Item Introduction

Committee **POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, EDUCATION AND SKILLS**

Date **7 DECEMBER 2023**

Topic **MENTORING IN SCHOOLS**

1. Background

- 1.1 Oxford University Society (OUS) Hampshire & Isle of Wight is a regional alumni group of people who once went to university in Oxford.
- 1.2 The mentoring programme is a voluntary activity to allow members of OUS Hampshire & Isle of Wight to put something back into society. It has been running for 8 years and engages about 100 volunteers.
- 1.3 The objective is to help those pupils who are able but disadvantaged to realise their potential, go to the best universities for them and be enabled to overcome any barriers they think stand in their way.
- 1.4 The programme has been developed in Hampshire, and OUS hope to introduce the programme onto the Island.

2. Focus for Scrutiny

- 2.1 What are the statistics from the programme that has run in Hampshire, has it been successful?
- 2.2 Are there mentorship programmes already in place on the Isle of Wight?
- 2.3 What is the Isle of Wight Council doing in terms of working with young people to realise their full potential and go to university?
- 2.4 How can the committee support in encouraging mentorship to young people across the Island?

3. Document(s) Attached

3.1 Appendix 1: Overview

3.2 Appendix 2: How good is the Strong Academic Performance of state schools?

3.3 Appendix 3: Case Study: Tower Hamlets 1998 – 2012

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