



Buckinghamshire County Council Select Committee

Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee

Report to the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee

Title:	The Strand Report – a report into the attainment gap between socially and economically deprived pupils and their peers in Buckinghamshire
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Electoral divisions affected:	All

Purpose of Agenda Item

To consider the report by Professor Steven Strand on the attainment gap between socially and economically deprived pupils and their peers in Buckinghamshire, commissioned by the Council in 2013. The report is attached in Appendix 1.

1. Background

Mind the gap: An analysis of the FSM gap in Buckinghamshire County Council, is a report by Professor Steven Strand from the University of Oxford, which was commissioned by the Council in 2013 to provide a detailed review of the attainment data and context in Buckinghamshire to inform the ongoing review of the attainment gap between socially and economically deprived pupils (FSM pupils) and their peers in Buckinghamshire.

Buckinghamshire has one of the highest attainment gaps between socially and economically deprived pupils (FSM pupils) and their peers in the country. The review of the gap reflects a priority of the Council and a key Government priority nationally.



Presentation of the Strand report to the Select Committee continues the overview and review of the attainment gap carried out by the Select Committee in 2013-2014 and the Narrowing the Gap Select Committee Inquiry and report agreed by the Committee on 18th February 2014.

2. Resource implications

There are no financial or resource implications arising from this report.

3. Next steps

The Select Committee Annual Work Programme will be used to forward plan the agendas of the Select Committee meetings throughout the Municipal Year 2014-2015.

Appendix 1

Mind the Gap: An Analysis of the FSM Gap in Buckinghamshire County Council – a report by Professor Steve Strand, University of Oxford.