

**ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP REVIEW FORM
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

PARTNERSHIP NAME:

Education Strategy Group (ESG)

PARTNERSHIP FUNCTION:

To provide overall strategic direction to educational partnership activity across Darlington, working with the Primary Headteachers Forum, the 11-19 Partnership, Vulnerable Pupil Panel and other partnership groups. It will provide overall strategic direction for identified partnership work programmes and funded projects.

OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR

School Organisation and Admissions
Education Excellence
Inclusion

PERFORMANCE AGAINST OBJECTIVES

Continuous review of school place challenges and forward planning.
Delivery of the Darlington Transition Programme 2025.
Increased opportunities to offer transition support models for young people displaying EBSA
Achieved full sign up to the Darlington inclusion charter and initiated roll-out across settings.
On-going review into the use of alternative provision to inform support models.
Identified need for a focus on child poverty to develop a collaborative response to support families and schools

BUDGET ADMINISTERED

None

DBC RESOURCES CONTRIBUTED e.g. finance, employees, accommodation, other assets

4 Darlington Borough Council officers support the Education Strategy Group as required and throughout the academic year, 6 meetings are held at Darlington Town Hall.

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS OUTSTANDING ACTIONS, IF ANY, FROM PARTNERSHIP TOOLKIT QUESTIONNAIRE

None

ISSUES OF CONCERN, IF ANY e.g. finance, staffing etc

None

ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CONCERN (including responsible officer and timescales)

N/A

IS THE PARTNERSHIP TO CONTINUE?

Yes

OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT YEAR

Effective communication regarding school organisation and admissions
Education excellence
Inclusion

Completed By Lead Officer:

Name Jenny Dellipiani

Post Education Information Manager

Date 12th March 2025

Reviewed By Assistant Director:

Name Tony Murphy



Post Assistant Director Education and
Inclusion

Date March 2025