

**Report to:** Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 20 March 2017

**By:** Chair of the Review Board

**Title:** Scrutiny Review of Educational Attainment at Key Stage 4

**Purpose:** To present the outcomes of the scrutiny review and make recommendations

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Committee considers and endorses the report of the Review Board, and makes recommendations to Cabinet for comment, and County Council for approval

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## **1. Background**

1.1 The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee appointed a Review Board to conduct a review of educational attainment at Key Stage 4. The Committee decided such a review was timely, as it would build on previous reviews of educational attainment relating to other, earlier Key Stages.

1.2 More specifically, and following a discussion of the barriers to sustained improvements in educational attainment, it was decided to focus on issues relating to teacher recruitment and retention. The Board agreed therefore that it would explore the issues/challenges schools and academies face in relation to the recruitment and retention of teachers and its potential impact on attainment.

## **2. Supporting information**

2.1 The Scrutiny Review Board comprised five members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee: Nicola Boulter, Parent Governor Representative and Councillors Kim Forward, Roy Galley, Claire Dowling and Alan Shuttleworth. Nicola Boulter was elected as the Chair of the Review Board.

2.2 The attached report (appendix 1) contains the findings and recommendations of the Review Board. Copies of evidence papers listed in the report and other support documentation are available on request from the contact officer.

2.3 The Committee is recommended to receive the Review Board's report for submission to Cabinet and County Council on 18 April 2017 and 23 May 2017 respectively.

## **3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

3.1 The Committee is requested to consider and endorse the report of the Review Board for submission to Cabinet and Full Council.

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**Chair of the Review Board**

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Review of Key Stage 4 Educational Attainment

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None