

Report to: Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 25 September 2017

By: Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability

Title: Scrutiny Update Report relating to the portfolio for the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability

Purpose: To provide the committee with a guide to recent developments and current projects within the remit of the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee is recommended to comment on the Lead Member update report set out in Appendix 1

1 Background

1.1 Scrutiny committees have a key role in helping local authorities improve how decisions are made. To help achieve this goal, scrutiny committees are given powers which allow them to review services, assist with policy development and hold the executive to account. In support of this role and so as to ensure committee members are kept up to date, a wide range of information is circulated for comment and debate. This already includes, for example, items such as draft policies and performance data.

2 Supporting information

2.1 With the above in mind, the Update Report attached at Appendix 1 provides the Committee with a new opportunity to understand some of the key developments within the portfolio for the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability. The update does not aim to cover in detail all the various activities of the Lead Member. Rather, it gives an overview of the recent and current projects which the Lead Member is engaging with. The Committee can then consider whether there any issues it wants to explore further. It is hoped this report will help the Committee develop a clearer understanding of these projects and assist with the development of a more forward looking approach to its work.

3 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is recommended to comment on the contents of the report in Appendix 1.

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Local Members: All

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None