

Report to: People Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 14 November 2019

By: Director of Children's Services

Title: Scrutiny Review of Schools Coping with Change – the Way Forward: six-month monitoring report

Purpose: To provide the Scrutiny Committee with a six-month progress update report on the implementation of the recommendations agreed

RECOMMENDATION:

The People Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the progress made on the implementation of the recommendations agreed in the review.

1 Background

1.1 The People Scrutiny Committee agreed at its meeting in November 2018 to refer on to the Cabinet Committee its scrutiny review report on Schools Coping with Change – the Way Forward. The review report was then approved at a meeting of the East Sussex County Council on 5 February 2019.

1.2 The review explores many of the key challenges facing schools and academies and what could be done to help them cope with the high level of change within the education sector. More specifically the review focused on, for example, issues relating to the evolving nature of school partnerships and the role of strategic bodies.

1.3 The scrutiny review report was presented to Cabinet in January 2019. At that time the Department produced an Action Plan which commented on how it would seek to implement the recommendations. This report provides an opportunity for the committee to be updated on progress since that time. A further update is scheduled to be considered by the committee at its meeting in June 2020.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The action plan attached at Appendix A provides updated commentary on progress with implementation of the eleven recommendations approved by Cabinet in January 2019. All actions have either been completed or are ongoing.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 Progress continues to be made on implementing the recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee's review as evidenced in **Appendix A**.

3.2 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee consider and comment on the progress made on the recommendations contained in the review.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: Scrutiny Review of Schools Coping with Change – the Way Forward: six-month update on the Departmental Action Plan

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None