

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 6 June 2017

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: Scrutiny Review of Educational Attainment at Key Stage 4

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the Cabinet to consider the report of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

To consider any comments the Cabinet wishes to make to the County Council on the report of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

1 Background

1.1 At its meeting in June 2016, 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 Children's Services Scrutiny Committee has completed its review of Educational Attainment at Key Stage 4.

2.2 The Committee's report will be submitted to the County Council on 11 July 2017. A copy is attached at appendix 1. The Cabinet has the opportunity to comment to the County Council on the recommendations in the Scrutiny Committee's report, although it cannot alter the report. Elsewhere on the agenda (Item 5b) there is a separate report by the Director of Children's Services commenting on the Scrutiny Committee's report and recommendations

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 Cabinet is invited to consider any comments it wishes to make to the County Council on the report of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

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