

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 22 January 2019

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: Scrutiny Review of Schools Coping with Change - the Way Forward

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the Cabinet to consider the report of the People Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

To consider any comments the Cabinet wishes to make to the County Council on the report of the People Scrutiny Committee.

1 Background

1.1 The People Scrutiny Committee established the scrutiny review of Schools Coping with Change - the Way Forward in response to the unprecedented level of change within the education system. Following its initial discussions, the Review Board focused its attention on issues relating to the role of strategic bodies, school partnerships and small schools.

1.2 The Board's goal was to develop practical, achievable recommendations which it hoped would ultimately help schools and academies be better placed to cope with the challenges and opportunities the evolving educational landscape is presenting to them.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The People Scrutiny Committee has completed its review of Schools Coping with Change - the Way Forward.

2.2 The Committee's report will be submitted to the County Council on 5 February 2019 and 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 8b) 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 People Scrutiny Committee.

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