

Report to: People Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 22 July 2022

By: Director of Children's Services

Title: Schools White Paper Presentation

Purpose: To update the Committee on the 'Opportunity for all' Schools White Paper and early system response in East Sussex

RECOMMENDATION: the Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the presentation.

1. Background

1.1 On 28 March 2022 the Government published the '[Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child](#)' White Paper. The White Paper set out proposed reforms to the education system.

1.2 The Chair of the People Scrutiny Committee has requested that further information is provided to the Committee on the main reforms arising from the White Paper and how the education system is responding in East Sussex.

1.3 The Assistant Director for Education will deliver a short presentation on this at the 22 July Committee meeting. This will cover:

- A summary of the White Paper's ambitions and key national plans to deliver those
- The role of local authorities in the new education system
- East Sussex County Council's priorities for supporting schools and the wider education system
- Early planning underway with schools, multi academy trusts and the Diocese in response to the White Paper

1.4 The presentation to be delivered is attached at Appendix 1.

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