

ERW JOINT COMMITTEE

16TH JULY 2018

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS CAUSING CONCERN

Purpose:

To provide the Joint Committee with requested update on support available to schools causing concern

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

- The Joint Committee notes the agreed support available to Schools Causing Concern as part of the ERW Ladder of Support
- The Joint Committee approve that further work is undertaken to provide
 - a) Professional Learning Programme be established for Challenge Advisers
 - b) A regional secondary team be developed
 - c) Agreed arrangements for ongoing support to schools be confirmed for 2018-19.
- That the Joint Committee approve the escalation arrangements for Schools Causing Concern

REASONS:

Information regarding support for Schools' Causing Concern requested by Joint Committee.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

As requested by Joint Committee in the last meeting, find attached the guidance document for Challenge Advisers in relation to protocol and support that should be available to schools that cause concern. Although the region provides support to schools causing concern, the statutory responsibility for each school remains with the Local Authority. This includes the creation, delivery and monitoring of an effective action plan identifying areas for improvement and also the support required in order to bring about improvement. It remains the case that too many schools in ERW fall into the bracket of a school causing concern and that early concerns regarding the performance of a school are not identified and addressed early enough. In order to address this, we also attach a proposed schematic to highlight and clarify roles and responsibilities when identifying and escalating concerns. The aim of this document is to intensify early identification of issues, to mobilise support and to reduce the number of schools that develop significant areas for improvement and where pupils do not receive an appropriate level of education. This has been agreed by the Executive Board.

- **Background**
- **National Guidance**
- **Support Available**
- **School Improvement Boards**
- **Estyn Follow up**

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES



IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal NONE	Finance None	Risk Management Issues None	Staffing Implications None
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CONSULTATIONS

N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE



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Supporting / Additional information from ERW Executive Board

Agreed and supported at Executive Board, and that further work be agreed on:

- a) Professional Learning Programme be established for Challenge Advisers
- b) A regional secondary team be developed
- c) Agreed arrangements for ongoing support to schools be confirmed for 2018-19.

Supporting / Additional Information from ERW Advisory Board

No additional comments.