

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8th July 2021

Subject: Education Department Stepping Forward

Purpose: To provide the scrutiny committee with an overview of the Education Department's Covid response and how findings are shaping strategic plans for moving forward.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

To consider the findings of the report and the strategic direction of the department in moving forward.

Reasons: To reassure the scrutiny committee that schools are being supported to meet the needs of vulnerable learners and address any gaps in learning

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: No

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

This report is written in response to a request for information from CMT and the subsequent request that this is shared with PEB and the scrutiny committee.

It provides an overview of how the Education Department has worked with schools and pupil referral units to promote learning and support vulnerable pupils during the COVID-19 period.

It captures the ways services in the department adapted their work to respond to the challenges resulting from COVID-19. It also considers key learning that will form our strategic response in moving forward.

Key to the report is the work of the department's strategic groups in ensuring a clear drive and commitment to ensure that as a local authority we are focused on:

Promoting learning – the quality of the learning offers and how this has, and can be supported through further guidance and professional learning

Supporting vulnerable pupils – how did and can the local authority targeted services support vulnerable pupils to assist them to engage in learning. What barriers still exist

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

