

Report of the Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the meeting to be held on 1 July 2020

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Subject:

Resolution Tracking 2019-20

Summary statement:

This report details the progress made against the resolutions passed by the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, during the 2019-20 Municipal Year.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report presents the progress made against the resolutions passed by the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, during the 2019-20 Municipal Year.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Deputy Chairs meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2013, members agreed that a report on Resolution Tracking should be placed on the Work Programme for each Committee at the end of each Municipal Year.
- 2.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Team use a database to plan, and track the recommendations of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.3 The recommendations made by Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny in 2019-20, are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility for "the strategies, plans, policies, functions and services directly relevant to the corporate priority about services to children and young people." (Council Constitution, Part 2, 6.3.1).
- 3.3 Tracking recommendations made by the Committee helps monitor the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function and improves forward planning, whilst also allowing for improved feedback to Committee Members, the Executive and Council Leadership.
- 3.4 The Overview and Scrutiny database is a good planning and tracking tool, as tracking recommendations will assist the Committee in establishing whether recommendations made are adding value and leading to improvements in service delivery and quality.
- 3.5 In 2019-20 the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee made a number of recommendations and some of these are in the areas of:
- Children's Services Improvement Plan;
 - Educational attainment;
 - Safeguarding;
 - Special Educational Needs;
 - Post 16 Education.
- 3.6 The Committee has also agreed to undertake a programme of detailed Scrutiny Reviews and is currently undertaking a detailed Scrutiny Review into alternative school provision, which includes home schooled children.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 None.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 None.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 None.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Community Cohesion and Equalities related issues are part of the work remit of this Committee.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

None.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None.

7.6 TRADE UNION

None.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Work of this Overview and Scrutiny Committee has ward implications, but this depends on the nature of the topic.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None.

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 Members may wish to consider further action where sufficient progress has not been made against the recommendations.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That members consider and comment on the recommendations made in the 2019-20 Municipal Year, with particular focus on recommendation areas where no or insufficient progress has been made.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix One – Recommendation Tracking, for the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Council Constitution.