

Report of the Head of Scrutiny

Report to Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 15 September 2016

Subject: Increasing the Number of Young People in Employment Education or Training

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report explains the information to be presented to the Scrutiny Board (Children's Services). Following the previous Scrutiny review into Increasing the Number of Young People in Employment Education or Training published on the 14th of March 2013 information is presented which provides progress information in accordance with the outstanding recommendations made.
2. The Scrutiny recommendation tracking system allows the Scrutiny Board to monitor progress and identify completed recommendations; those progressing to plan; and those where there is either an obstacle or progress is not adequate. The Board will then be able to take further action as appropriate.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to:
 - Agree those recommendations which no longer require monitoring;
 - Identify any recommendations where progress is unsatisfactory and determine the action the Board wishes to take as a result.
 - Note the recommendations where satisfactory progress is being made.
 - Consider overall progress against the desired outcomes identified by the Board.

1 Background information

- 1.1 Following agreement of the Scrutiny Boards inquiry report, on the 14th of March 2013, the Board received the Director of Childrens Services response to the recommendations made at the July 2013 meeting followed by the first comprehensive update on progress in October 2013 and further reports in September 2014 and September 2015. At the last review the Scrutiny Board were satisfied that recommendations 6, 7 10 and 11 only required further review. The information contained in the report of the Director of Children's Services represents progress made since September 2015.
- 1.2 The Scrutiny recommendation tracking system allows the Board to monitor progress and identify completed recommendations; those progressing to plan; and those where there is either an obstacle or progress is not adequate. The Board will then be able to take further action as appropriate.

2 Main issues

- 2.1 A standard set of criteria has been produced to enable the Board to assess progress. These are presented in the form of a flow chart at Appendix A. The questions in the flow chart should help to decide whether a recommendation has been completed, and if not whether further action is required.
- 2.2 To assist Members with this task the Principal Scrutiny Adviser, in liaison with the Chair, has given a draft status for each recommendation. The Board is asked to confirm whether these assessments are appropriate and to change them where they are not. Details of progress against each recommendation are set out within the table at Appendix B.

3. Corporate Considerations - Consultation and Engagement, Equality and Diversity/Cohesion and Integration, Resources and Value for Money

- 3.1 Details of any consultation, impact on equality areas and significant resource and financial implication linked to the Scrutiny recommendations will be referenced in the report of the Director of Childrens Services appended to this report.

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5 Background documents¹

- 5.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.