

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

10 November 2015

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**CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE – INFORMATION REPORT**

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**Background**

1. Following most Committee meetings, the Chair writes a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member or Officer, summing up the Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the issues considered during that meeting.

**Issues**

2. **Schools Causing Concern report letter** - The Committee has recently reviewed the draft letter to the Cabinet Member for Education following the completion of the first phase of the Schools Causing Concern investigations. The letter has been circulated to all Members and the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning has provided some feedback on the overall contents of the letter. The Committee is requested to approve the report (attached at **Appendix A**) for presentation to the Cabinet Member.
3. **Committee letters and responses** - The key points raised in the Committee's letter are taken from the way forward discussion at the end of each meeting and attached as part of the formal minutes of the meetings. Responses are evidenced in future reports or copied to Members if requested. A summary of the letters sent and responses received is attached at **Appendix B** and a copy of the letter sent and received since the last meeting are attached at **Appendix C**.

## **Legal Implications**

4. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations.

## **Financial Implications**

5. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is recommended to

- Approve the inquiry letter for presentation to Cllr Sarah Merry, Cabinet Member for Education; and
- Review the responses received to the recent letters sent by the Committee.

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**4 November 2015**