

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
16 JANUARY 2018
EDUCATION FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN – VIRTUAL SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IN CARE
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To review education provision for the most vulnerable children, including the 'virtual school' to ensure that all children are achieving their potential in terms of educational attainment.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to scrutinise the contribution of the Virtual School to improving educational attainment for children and young people in care.

3 Background information

- 3.1 When a child or young person becomes looked after it is the duty of the local authority as a corporate parent to safeguard and promote their welfare. This includes a responsibility to support his or her educational attainment. Although some do well, nationally as a group children and young people in care typically have poorer experiences of education and lower levels of educational attainment. The Committee wanted to review how effectively the Council is fulfilling its duty to promote the educational achievement of children and young people in care, with a particular focus on the effectiveness of the Virtual School.
- 3.2 A paper prepared by the Service Manager, Nottingham City Virtual School is attached summarising the most recent data on attainment; relevant changes to Pupil Premium Plus; and compliance with expectations for every child in the Authority's care to have a high quality and up-to-date Personal Education Plan. Colleagues will be attending the meeting to answer questions about this.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Paper on the Virtual School and the Education of Children in Care from Service Manager, Nottingham City Virtual School

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 None

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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