

Report to:	EXECUTIVE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Eddie Collett, Cabinet Member for School Improvement and Children’s Safeguarding
Date of Decision	7 th March 2016

PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT SCRUTINY REVIEW FINAL REPORT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the Pupil Referral Unit Scrutiny Review final report.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the report and offer a response to the recommendations contained within the Action Plan.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The recommendations contained within final report seek to deliver improvements in service.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

The Executive must consider the recommendations outlined in the Scrutiny Review but may accept them, reject them or vary them.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

“Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 At the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee on the 2nd July 2015, Members discussed the high level of admissions to the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and asked a number of questions, noting the safeguarding risks attached to children not in full time education, the number of Our Children in the Pupil Referral Unit and the work being undertaken to reduce the number of admissions. It was noted at the meeting that the Unit was the largest in the country. Subsequently, a request was submitted to the Committee on the 17th September 2015 to review the Pupil Referral Unit in more detail and it was agreed to establish an 'in a day' review of the Unit.

5.2 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny / Cabinet Member Relations Protocol, the final report has been considered by the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee, which approved the report on the 4th February 2016 for consideration by the Executive. The relevant Cabinet Member has had the opportunity to make comments on the recommendations and these are contained within the report attached at Appendix 2a.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.4 List of Appendices:

Appendix 2a – Pupil Referral Unit Scrutiny Review final report.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Contained within the body of the report.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 Not applicable.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Contained within the body of the report.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Contained within the body of the report.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 Not applicable.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Contained within the body of the report.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.

14.0 Key decision information:

14.1 Is this a key decision? No

14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

15.0 Call-in information:

15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1

18.2 Date of Decision:

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

19.1 Date Decision published:

20.0 Executive Members present:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes :

22.1