

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>RESILIENT COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager.
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	4 February 2016

## **PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT SCRUTINY REVIEW FINAL REPORT**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 The Committee to consider the Pupil Referral Unit Scrutiny Review final report.

### **2.0 Recommendation:**

2.1 To approve and forward the final report to the Executive.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 The report is presented to Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Scrutiny Protocol.

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:

Not applicable

### **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 2 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 PRU 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 17 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 The final report attached as Appendix 12a details the Panel's findings and recommendations.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

### **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 12a – 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