

Report to:	RESILIENT COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Chris Kelly, Acting Scrutiny Manager
Date of Meeting	8 December 2016

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2015 SCRUTINY PANEL FINAL REPORT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the Education Attainment 2015 Scrutiny Review final report.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

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 the Health 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 17 September 2015, Members noted that the SAT and GCSE results for pupils had been released. Due to the depth of consideration that Members wished to give to the results and the reasons behind the results, the Committee agreed to establish a scrutiny review in order to undertake an in depth investigation.

5.2 The Review Panel determined to investigate the context of attainment further after agreeing that little could be done to improve results without first solving the underlying problems and agreed to consider the following specific issues as part of the review:

- Impact of additional funding on attainment
- Transience
- Transition between primary and secondary schools
- The impact of behaviour and attendance
- Education outcomes for Looked After Children
- Quality of teaching
- Aspiration

5.4 The final report attached as Appendix 11(a) details the Panel's findings and recommendations.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 11(a) – Educational Attainment 2015 Review Panel.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 Not applicable

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 Not applicable

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Not applicable.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 Not applicable.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Not applicable.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None