

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager.
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 June 2021

## **BLACKPOOL BETTER START SCRUTINY REVIEW FINAL REPORT**

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

1.1 To consider the final report of the scrutiny review of Blackpool Better Start.

### **2.0 Recommendations:**

2.1 The Committee to recommend the approval of the final report of the scrutiny review of Blackpool Better Start for submission to the Executive under delegated powers to the Chief Executive.

2.2 To monitor the implementation of the report's recommendations/actions.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendations:**

3.1 To review the findings and recommendations of the scrutiny review prior to further approval by the Executive.

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

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

### **4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:**

4.1 None

### **5.0 Council Priority:**

5.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

### **6.0 Background Information**

6.1. At its Workplanning Workshop in July 2020, the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee identified Blackpool Better Start as an area which Members wished to review in order to ascertain the success and impact of the initiative since its inception in 2015. As a

result, Committee Members were invited to join a working group to undertake a scrutiny review of the issue.

- 6.2 The findings and resulting recommendations from the working group's review are contained within the final report for consideration and approval by the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee, following which the report will be submitted to the Executive for approval.

Once approved, the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee will monitor the implementation of the recommendations.

- 6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**7.0 List of Appendices:**

- 7.1 Appendix 8(a): Blackpool Better Start Scrutiny Review Final Report

**8.0 Financial considerations:**

- 8.1 None

**9.0 Legal considerations:**

- 9.1 None

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

- 10.1 None

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

- 11.1 None

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

- 12.1 None

**13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

- 13.1 As detailed within the report, a number of external stakeholders contributed to the review as well as feedback being sought directly from end-users of Better Start services.

The Director of the Centre for Early Child Development has provided feedback on the working group's final report, with her comments being incorporated into the final version as appropriate.

**14.0 Background papers:**

- 14.1 None