

Briefing note

To: Cabinet Date: 24th January 2017

Subject: Education Service Redesign

1 Purpose of the Note

1.1 To inform Cabinet of the recommendations made by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at their meeting on 18th January 2017

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee endorse the recommendations to Cabinet
- 2.2 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommended that scrutiny be kept updated of any further changes as a result of evaluation, especially those services traded with schools.
- 2.3 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee wish thanks and appreciation be conveyed to Kirston Nelson, Director of Education, Libraries and Adult Education and all the team involved in the successful consultation process which informed the development of the new Education Service model.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on the 18th January 2017 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered the proposals contained in the Education Service Redesign report.
- 3.2 Officers briefed Members on changes made to proposals following consideration of the consultation responses.
- 3.3 Members supported the consultation process and recognised it as a good practice model.
- 3.4 Members questioned officers on the following:
 - Details of the service for pregnant school girls
 - Whether flexibility is built into the system and whether the services will be evaluated and reviewed on a regular basis
 - How Special Educational Needs and Disability services are affected, specifically links with health partners around support for children being assessed for autism
 - The outdoor education service
 - How the proposed changes to the Minority Group Support Service will affect schools with high proportions of community languages spoken.
- 3.5 Members requested to be kept updated of any further changes as a result of evaluation, especially those services traded with schools.

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