

Report to the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board

10 October 2022

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| Subject: | Response from the Cabinet in respect of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Elective Home Education |
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1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Board considers the response from the Cabinet in respect of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Elective Home Education.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

In accordance with the Council's Constitution and the Localism Act 2011, the Cabinet were requested to respond to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board within two months, setting out any approved recommendations accordingly. The Cabinet considered the Review's findings and recommendations on 12 January 2022.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

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|  | <p>Best start in life for children and young people Every child and young person whether educated in a school setting or at home deserves to have access to high quality support and resources to support their education. The report seeks to develop current practices and enhance the offer provided.</p> |
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4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board formed a cross-party working group to investigate education outside of the school system and the available support to children and families.
- 4.2 Over a number of weeks, the Working Group carried out a range of research and interviewed witnesses in accordance with their terms of reference. As a result, a number of recommendations were identified which were approved by the Board on 29 November 2021 as attached in Appendix 1.
- 4.3 The Cabinet considered each proposal presented by the Board at its meeting on 12 January 2022 and resolved to respond to each recommendation within two months. Each recommendation and subsequent Cabinet response is set out in Appendix 2 for the Board to consider.

5 Implications

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| Resources: | There are no resource implications as a result of this report. |
| Legal and Governance: | The Board will have due regard to the responsibilities of Overview and Scrutiny Committees in respect of the Local Government Act 2000 |
| Risk: | Scrutiny will consider risk implications, including any safeguarding measures |
| Equality: | Scrutiny will consider implications for equality (all aspects and characteristics) including how the Equality Duty is being met. |
| Health and Wellbeing: | Scrutiny will consider the health and wellbeing implications as appropriate. |
| Social Value | There are no social value implications as a result of this report. |



6 Appendices

Recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Elective Home Education Working Group report – 29 November 2021 – Appendix 1.
Response from the Cabinet - Elective Home Education – Appendix 2

