

Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 16 March 2015

PROGRESS REPORT – SCHOOLS SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL

Purpose	The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panel conveners will attend the committee on a regular basis to provide a progress report, updating the committee on headlines from their Panel's work and impact.
Content	This report focuses on the Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel. Councillor Fiona Gordon, convener of the Panel, will provide the update.
Councillors are being asked to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure awareness / understanding of the work of the Panel• Consider its effectiveness and impact• Consider any issues arising and action required
Lead Councillor(s)	Councillor Mary Jones, Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee
Lead Officer(s)	Dean Taylor, Director – Corporate Services
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel is one of four Performance Panels that have been established by the committee. Whilst the work of Inquiry Panels leads to the production of a final report with conclusions and recommendations for cabinet based on evidence gathered on a specific issue, the work of Performance Panels represent regular monitoring of particular services.
- 1.2 Performance Panels are expected to have on-going correspondence with relevant cabinet members in order to share views and recommendations, arising from monitoring activities, about services. This correspondence is published within committee agendas to ensure awareness of Panel activities and enable the committee to comment on the matters raised and cabinet member responses, as well as to ensure visibility across the council and public.

- 1.3 The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panels Conveners will therefore attend the committee throughout the year to provide a progress report to enable a more detailed discussion on the work of each Panel, achievements, effectiveness and impact. The committee may also need to consider any issues arising from Panel activities which may have an impact on the overall scrutiny work programme.
- 1.4 This report focuses on the Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel. Councillor Fiona Gordon, convener of the Panel, will provide a progress report. To focus the discussion, a short written report is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 1.5 The membership of the Panel is as follows:

Labour Councillors: 5

Mandy Evans	Hazel Morris
Beverley Hopkins	Robert Smith
Fiona Gordon (CONVENER)	

Liberal Democrat Councillors: 3

Mike Day	Cheryl Philpott
Paul Meara	

Conservative Councillor: 1

Anthony Colburn	
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Other:

Statutory Coopted Members: 2

David Anderson-Thomas	Parent Governor
Sarah Joiner	Parent Governor

2. Legal Implications

- 2.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

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Legal Officer: Wendy Parkin

Finance Officer: Paul Cridland