

## Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 13 February 2017

### SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE PANEL PROGRESS REPORTS

<b>Purpose</b>	The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panel conveners will regularly provide a progress report, updating the committee on headlines from their Panel's work and impact.
<b>Content</b>	This report focuses on the following Performance Panel: a) Schools (Councillor Fiona Gordon, convener)
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure awareness / understanding of the work of the Panel</li><li>• Consider its effectiveness and impact</li><li>• Consider any issues arising and action required</li></ul>
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 There are five Performance Panels 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.
- 1.3 The committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panels Conveners will therefore provide a regular progress report to the committee to enable:
  - a discussion on the work of each Panel, achievements, effectiveness and impact
  - the committee to consider any issues arising from Panel activities which may have an impact on the overall scrutiny work programme
  - awareness amongst the committee as well as visibility across the council and public.

1.4 This report is about the following Performance Panel:

a) Schools (Councillor Fiona Gordon, convener)

To focus the discussion a short written report has been provided by the convener of the Panel, and is attached. This includes a summary of Panel activities, correspondence between the Panel and Cabinet Members, proposals made and impact.

1.5 The Membership of the Schools Scrutiny Panel (9) is:

**Labour Councillors: 4**

Cyril Anderson	Fiona Gordon ( <b>CONVENER</b> )
Beverley Hopkins	Hazel Morris

**Liberal Democrat Councillors: 3**

Cheryl Philpott	Paul Meara
Mike Day	

**Independent Councillor: 1**

Susan Jones	
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**Statutory Coopted Members: 1**

David Anderson-Thomas	Parent Governor
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**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

Legal Officer: Wendy Parkin

Finance Officer: Carl Billingsley