



Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 12 February 2018

Scrutiny Performance Panel Progress Report

Purpose	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.
Content	This report focuses on the following Performance Panel: a) Schools
Councillors are being asked to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure awareness and understanding of the work of the Panel• Consider its effectiveness and impact• Consider any issues arising and action required
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 There are six Performance Panels which 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 the performance of services and service delivery.

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

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 Performance Panel is made up of 14 councillors and 1 co-optee:

Labour Councillors: 6

Cyril Anderson	Fiona Gordon
Beverley Hopkins	Mike Durke
Mo Sykes (Convener)	Louise Gibbard

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 3

Mike Day	Susan Jones
Lynda James	

Conservative Councillor: 5

Steve Gallagher	Myles Langstone
David Helliwell	Lynda Tyler-Lloyd
Lyndon Jones	

Coopteers: 1

Dave 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

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Schools Scrutiny Performance Panel Update