



Meeting: Cabinet

Date: 24 March 2020

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Annual Report (2018- 2019) of the Virtual School Governing Body

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? March 2020

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 The Virtual School supports the education of children looked after by the LA. It is the LA's statutory duty to promote the education of children looked after under Section 52 of the Children Act 2004.
- 1.2 In order to fulfil this duty the Virtual School writes an annual report for its Governing Body which is presented to Elected Members. This ensures the Elected members are aware of the progress and attainment of their children looked after and the work of the Virtual School.
- 1.3 A copy of the Annual Report is attached to this report at Appendix 1.

The report gives the detail of attainment at the end of each year group including the children who are in the continuous care cohort (1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019). It is the data for the continuous care cohort which is published by the Department for Education annually and used by OFSTED during full inspection. The Annual Report also gives details of attendance, exclusions, the OFSTED grades for the schools the Children Looked After attend and Pupil Premium Plus expenditure as well as further details on the wider work of the Virtual School.

2. Reason for Proposal and associated financial commitments

- 2.1 The Annual Report provides an overview of the work and impact of the Virtual School. It enables the Elected Members to act on the information included in

the report where necessary and uphold their statutory duty to their Children Looked After.

- 2.2 The proposals contained in this report will not commit the LA to any increased financial expenditure, but instead this report provides accountability on the impact of financial resources provided.
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3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- (i) That the Annual Report (2018 – 2019) of the Virtual School Governing Body be approved enabling its publication on the Virtual School's webpage.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Annual Report (2018 – 19) of the Virtual School Governing Body.