

**TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
SCHOOLS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL**

CHILDREN IN CARE – VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Nuala Fennelly Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools	All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a verbal update and overview on the work of the Children in Care Virtual School.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. There is no exempt information contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That the Scrutiny Panel considers the information presented.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and developing policy.

BACKGROUND

5. An ACDS Peer Challenge will take place on the 28th and 29th November 2016. (See attached guidance).

The scope for the Peer review will focus on:

- The effectiveness and governance and leadership of the Virtual School
- Progress of Looked After Children
- The impact of Pupil Premium
- The impact of Independent Reviewing Officers and role of the Doncaster Trust.

Damian Allen, Director Learning Opportunities and Skills will provide a verbal update on the review. Chris Hargreaves, Head of Virtual School will also be in attendance.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

6. There are no alternative options within this report as the intention is to provide the Panel with information relating to Children in Care Virtual School.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	<p>The work of Overview a Scrutiny has the potential to have an impact on all the Council's key objective</p>
	<p>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
	<p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
	<p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	
	<p>Council services are modern and value for money.</p>	
	<p>Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.</p>	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

7. There are no specific risks associated with this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no specific legal implications arising directly from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no specific financial implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no specific human resource implications arising directly from this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no technology implications arising from this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no significant equality implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its Public Equality Duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

CONSULTATION

13. There is no consultation required for this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

14. None

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