

Record of Decision

Torbay Virtual School Annual Report

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 16 April 2018

Decision

- (i) that the report of Torbay's Virtual School for 2016/17 be noted with thanks; and
- (ii) that the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) receive further updates on the educational progress and attainment of children looked after.

Reason for the Decision

To note the progress made by the Torbay Virtual School for 2016/2017 and ensure that elected members are kept updated on the educational progress and attainment of children looked after.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 27 April 2018 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

The Annual Report attached at Appendix 1 to the submitted report was the seventh report since the Virtual School was established in the academic year 2010/2011. The Annual Report describes the educational performance of children looked after and the wider work of the Virtual School. It also includes a self-assessment which rated the school as 'good':- based on the outcome for children looked after. All of the data about the Virtual School performance was for the academic year 2016/17.

Torbay Virtual School was now well-established within the local arrangements to maximise the educational opportunities and outcomes for children looked after. Performance for the academic year shows improvements in most areas with the exception of Key Stage 4, which is more mixed. The need for stability and continuity in both education and placement settings was important at all stages but particularly so at Key Stage 4 and this was a key area of focus for improvement activity. The Virtual School was also playing a leading role in using research to inform practice and upskilling practitioners in attachment theory and mindfulness.

The Elected Mayor considered the recommendations of the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Commissioning Team) made on 16 April 2018 and his decision is set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
The Elected Mayor of Torbay

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