

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** **EDUCATION & YOUTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** **THURSDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015**

**REPORT BY:** **EDUCATION & YOUTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY FACILITATOR**

**SUBJECT:** **EDUCATION FOR ALL TASK & FINISH GROUP**

**1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To enable the Committee to consider setting up an Education for All Task & Finish Group to help develop and evaluate policy options and proposed programmes.

**2.00 BACKGROUND**

2.01 The Lifelong Learning Overview & Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on the 26 March, 2015, considered a report which advised on the proposed activity to improve outcomes for pupils and maintain a higher number of placements within Flintshire's mainstream setting.

2.02 The current provision offered through Flintshire's pupil referral units is in need of review to ensure that it fully complements the role of mainstream schools and provides a range of specialist interventions to support the maintenance of school placements. Where this is not deemed appropriate, it needs to offer a viable alternative for decreasing number of pupils and also reduce the need for out of county placements.

2.03 Following consideration of the report, the Lifelong Learning Overview & Scrutiny Committee, on 26 March, 2015, proposed:-

- a) That a Task & Finish Group be created to help develop and evaluate policy options and proposed programmes; and
- b) That a report, outlining the proposed terms of reference and seeking nominations to the Task & Finish Group be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

**3.00 CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 The draft project plan, attached at Appendix 1, has been prepared as a starting point for the scrutiny exercise as requested by the Committee on the 26 March, 2015. The draft project plan will need to be discussed and amended at the first meeting by Members of the Task & Finish Group, if established.

#### **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.01 That the Committee agree to establish an Education for All Task & Finish group to develop and evaluate policy options and proposed programmes.

4.02 That the Committee nominate Members to the Task & Finish Group.

#### **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.01 None as a direct result of this report.

#### **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

6.01 None as a result of this report.

#### **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7.01 None as a result of this report.

#### **8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

8.01 None as a result of this report.

#### **9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.01 None as a result of this report.

#### **10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 Publication of this report constitutes consultation.

#### **11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 The Head of Inclusion Service has been consulted on this report and the draft project plan.

#### **12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 Appendix 1 – Draft project plan.

#### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

'Education for All' – report submitted to the Lifelong Learning Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 26 March, 2015.

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