

EDUCATION & YOUTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday 17 th November, 2016
Report Subject	14-19 Progression
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Education
Report Author	Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Facilitator
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on the 13th October, 2016 recommended that a report to enable the Committee to consider establishing a Task & Finish Group to review 14-19 education progression be presented to the next meeting.

This report enables the Committee to consider if, at this time, it would be beneficial to set up a Task & Finish Group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Committee agree not to establish a Task & Finish Group at this time.
2	That the Committee await the outcome of the work being undertaken by the officer working group, with a report being presented to the Committee when this work has been completed.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE SUGGESTION OF SETTING UP A TASK & FINISH GROUP
1.01	During consideration of the School Modernisation Update at the Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 13 th October, a suggestion was made that the Committee consider establishing a Task & Finish Group to review 14-19 education progression. This suggestion was made following a number of questions and comments raised around the need to gain a clearer picture on progression pathways and the advice/information given to young people and families.
1.02	Successful progression to further education, higher education and the world of work is a priority for both local and national government. Flintshire is consistently the top performance authority at post 16 progression. There is more that can be done to secure high level outcomes and further progression at 19+.
1.03	An officer working group within the Education & Youth Portfolio has already been established to identify a clear picture on progression pathways, gather all necessary data on 14-19 pupils and make recommendations on improving advice/information offered to young people and families.
1.04	Given the above, it is not considered to be a good use of Member time to duplicate the work already being carried out by officers. It is therefore proposed that the Committee receive a report on the outcome of the work undertaken by the officer working group at a future meeting.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	None as a direct result of this report.

3.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT
3.01	The Education & Youth Overview & Scrutiny Committee Chairman and Chief Officer (Education & Youth) have been consulted on the report.

4.00	RISK MANAGEMENT
4.01	None as a direct result of this report.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	None.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None. Contact Officer: Ceri Shotton Telephone: 01352 702305 E-mail: ceri.shotton@flintshire.gov.uk

7.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
7.01	School Modernisation – the school modernisation programme reviews and modernises the way education is delivered through a rolling programme of area reviews.