

Education Scrutiny Committee

24 February 2009

Report of the Scrutiny Services Manager

Update on Implementation of Recommendations of Previous Scrutiny Reviews

Summary

1. This report provides Members with an update on the implementation of recommendations made as a result of 3No. previously completed scrutiny reviews – ‘Inclusion in York Schools’, ‘Post 16 Inclusion’ and ‘School Governors’.

Background

2. At a meeting of Education Scrutiny Committee in May 2008, Members agreed to receive updates on all of the reviews previously completed by the Education Scrutiny Committee since its formation.
3. In October 2008, Members received an update on two reviews – ‘Inclusion in York Schools’ and ‘Post 16 Inclusion’, and they agreed to sign off many of the recommendations as complete. At that time, Members requested that a further update on the outstanding recommendations be provided for this meeting.
4. There were only two outstanding recommendations from the ‘Inclusion in York Schools’ review, for which Members requested statistics regarding:
 - the take-up of inclusion training by governors
 - the take-up of inclusion training by staff dealing with special needs
5. For the ‘Post 16 Inclusion’ review there were three outstanding recommendations for which Members requested a general update for one and:
 - more specific information requested regarding work experience for pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties
 - further information requested on tutoring for all students, but particularly those with emotional or behavioural difficulties and any issues in respect of staff training in this matter.

6. In addition, as part of the work programme for this Committee, Members agreed to receive an update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the 'School Governors' review at this meeting.

Consultation

7. In regard to the 'Inclusion in York Schools' review and the 'Post 16 Inclusion' review, the Assistant Director of School Improvement & Staff Development has provided written updates – see Annexes A and B (to follow), and an officer will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions arising from the information provided.
8. In regard to the 'School Governors' review, the governance Service Manager has provided a written update, as shown at Annex C.

Options

5. Having considered the information contained within this report and its annexes, Members may choose to sign off those individual recommendations where implementation has been fully completed, and may:
 - a. request further updates to clarify any outstanding recommendations or;
 - b. agree to receive no further updates on these reviews

Corporate Direction & Priorities

6. The process of ensuring the full implementation of the recommendations arising from these scrutiny reviews will be to contribute to improving the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children and young people and families in the city.

Implications

7. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ITT or Other implications associated with the recommendation within this report.

Risk Management

9. There are no known risks associated with the recommendation within this report.

Recommendations

10. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and agree which of the recommendations can be written off as fully implemented.

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which have still to be implemented.

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Background Papers: update report dated 28 October 2008

Annexes

- Annex A** – Update on implementation of recommendation arising from previous review of 'Inclusion in York Schools'
- Annex B** – Update on implementation of recommendation arising from previous review of 'Post 16 Inclusion'
- Annex C** – Update on implementation of recommendation arising from previous review of 'School Governors'