

Education Scrutiny Committee

19 June 2007

Report of the Head of Civic Democratic & Legal Services

Overview of work completed by Education Scrutiny Committee since 2004

Summary

1. This report introduces Members of the Education Scrutiny Committee to the work previously completed by this Committee since 2004.

Background

2. The Council's Constitution places a responsibility on Scrutiny Committees to report annually to Scrutiny Management Committee. In each municipal year these reports are incorporated in to an Annual Review report to Council together with information on all the ad-hoc scrutiny reviews completed that year. Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) has responsibility for the production for this annual review and its purpose is to summarise progress in delivering the annual scrutiny plan, highlight key achievements, learning points and the key issues to be addressed in the coming year.

Consultation

3. Although not relevant for the production of this report, consultation was undertaken as part of all the reviews referred to in the annexes attached to this report i.e. excerpts from the annual review reports from 2004-05 and 2005-06 attached as annexes A & B respectively, and update reports provided by the Chair of Education Scrutiny Committee to SMC during 2006-07 as annexes C & D.

Options

4. To facilitate their knowledge and learning, Members may request further information on the previously completed reviews and/or copies of the relevant final reports.

Analysis

5. The Education Scrutiny Committee together with the Health Scrutiny Committee, are currently the only two permanent Scrutiny bodies in existence within City of York Council. They have both had a stable and committed membership and programme of work, which has enabled productive

relationships with officers from the relevant directorates and outside organisations.

Corporate Objectives

6. The work of the Education Scrutiny Committee is aimed at Corporate Priority 5 i.e. 'To increase people's skills and knowledge to improve future employment prospects' and Corporate Priority 10 i.e. 'Improving our organisational effectiveness'.

Implications

7. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications associated with the recommendation of this report.

Risk Management

8. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to note the contents of the attached reports

Reason: In order to be fully informed on scrutiny reviews completed by

Education Scrutiny Committee during the last three years.

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Wards Affected:

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Annexes

Annex A - Excerpt from the annual review reports from 2004-05

Annex B - Excerpt from the annual review reports from 2005-06

Annex C – Update from the Chair of Education Scrutiny Committee to SMC on 20/11/06

Annex D - Update from the Chair of Education Scrutiny Committee to SMC on 23/04/07