

CHILDREN & EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
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Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education, Skills and the University Councillor Ayres	
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ANNUAL REPORT OF PETERBOROUGH VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN CARE 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Jonathan Lewis, Service Director Education	Deadline date: N/A
<p>1. It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report. • Raise any queries or future focus they wish officers to report on at future meetings. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Children and Education Scrutiny Committee following a request by members.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to inform on the activity of the Peterborough Virtual School (PVS) and the educational outcomes of Peterborough’s Children in Care (CIC) for the academic years 2020/21 and 2021/22. It reflects on achievements and identifies areas in need of development to achieve the best outcomes for this vulnerable group. Data contained in this report is for Children in Care who had been in the care of Peterborough City Council for a year or more on 31 March 2022.

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council:

Children’s Services including

- a) Social Care of Children;
- b) Safeguarding; and
- c) Children’s Health.

2.3 The Annual report supports the city council’s Prevention, Independence and Resilience corporate priority:

- 1. *Prevention, Independence & Resilience*

- *Educations and Skills for All*
- *Adults*
- *Children*

2.4 Link to the Children in care Pledge:

Respect - We will respect you as individuals, with differing wants, needs and beliefs and tailor the service you get to fit you.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 The annual reports attached at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 include information on the work that has been undertaken by Peterborough Virtual School in the period September 2020-July 2021 and September 2021-August 2022 It includes information on attainment, inclusion, quality of provision, Personal Education Plans (PEPs), Pupil Premium Plus and the function of Peterborough Virtual School's Priorities for 2021-22.

Members are requested to note the contents of the report and identify any areas for further follow up.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 The report will be shared with the Council's Corporate Parenting Committee.

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 Children & Education Scrutiny Committee have the Annual Report on the attainment of CiC, as well as the issues that can inhibit progress, and the emotional wellbeing of children. This ensures that Committee members are informed but can also challenge where necessary.

7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 There are no recommendations for the committee to consider. The report is for information only.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

8.1 There are no alternative options to be considered.

9. **IMPLICATIONS**

Financial Implications

9.1 None

Legal Implications

9.2 None

Equalities Implications

9.3 None

Rural Implications

9.4 None

Carbon Impact Assessment Form

9.5

Neutral

The report contains no proposals, and therefore there are no decisions which will have an impact on carbon emissions.

Other Implications

9.6

The implication for children in care and care leavers is that they can be confident that PVS will provide the highest level of support in whatever area ensuring they have every opportunity to reach their potential, whatever that might be.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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None

11. APPENDICES

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Appendix 1 – Peterborough Virtual School Annual Report September 2020 – July 2021
Appendix 2 – Peterborough Virtual School Annual Report September 2021 – July 2022

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