

EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 11 FEBRUARY 2016

THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS – 2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT

Report by the Interim Deputy Director for Education and Learning

Introduction

1. This report acts as a review and evaluation of the education and attainment of Looked after Children (LAC) in Oxfordshire for the academic year 2014-2015.
2. The key priority of the service is to improve the life chances of Children in Care and Care Leavers in Oxfordshire by challenging providers of education and others within the Local Authority which acts as corporate parent so that they have the highest quality education tailored to their needs.
3. The service for Looked after Children (Virtual School) works with all who are in or have been in care. An overview of the current cohort of children in the care of Oxfordshire County Council is provided in the report attached at Appendix 1. This overview covers: the demographics of the cohort, SEN needs of the cohort, attendance rates, exclusions, and an assessment of attainment at all the different stages of education by the cohort.

Financial and Staff Implications

4. None.

Equalities Implications

5. None.

RECOMMENDATION

6. **The Education Scrutiny Committee is RECOMMENDED to comment on the annual report attached at Appendix 1.**

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