

## **EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6 FEBRUARY 2019**

### **SCHOOL EXCLUSIONS DEEP DIVE 6 MONTH UPDATE**

**Report by Deputy Director Education**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**The Education Scrutiny is RECOMMENDED to note the report for discussion.**

#### **Executive summary**

1. This a 6-month update progress report on the implementation of recommendations from the Education Scrutiny Committee's deep dive into school exclusions.
2. A new Learner Engagement team was created as of 1 October 2018 in the Education service and a Head of Service, Deborah Bell, started at this time. The purpose of this new team is to focus exclusively on children missing education and exclusions is a significant aspect of the team's interface with schools and partners.
3. Actions to meet the recommendations from the deep dive in relation to exclusions had started following its acceptance in July 2018 but it has had a more specific focus with the creation of the new team.
4. The report sets out against each of the 8 recommendations actions that have been implemented with completion dates.
5. Significant strides have been made in working in close collaboration with schools and partners across Oxfordshire to collectively reduce exclusions both permanent and fixed term.
6. There remains much work to be done in being able to meet these recommendations and the team is clearly focussed to securing all children having access to full time education.

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