

## **EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE] – 25 MARCH 2019**

### **POST 16 DESTINATIONS FROM OXFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES**

**Report by Deputy Director Education**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**The Education Scrutiny Committee is RECOMMENDED to note and consider the contents of this report.**

#### **Executive Summary**

1. The report contains an analysis of destinations for pupils in year 11 in Oxfordshire schools and academies at the end of the 2018/19 academic year. It contains a detailed breakdown of destinations for pupils in 14-19 establishments.
2. There are concerns nationally about the sustainability particularly of Studio Schools which are being addressed by Regional Schools Commissioners on behalf of the secretary of State for Education.

#### **Introduction**

3. Members of Scrutiny Committee have requested an update on post 16 destinations of pupils in Oxfordshire schools and academies. A particular interest was expressed in destinations of pupils at 14-19 establishments in the county and current understanding of the long term sustainability of those establishments.

#### **Post 16 Destinations – Activity Analysis January 2018**

4. Each year the council is required to submit an activity analysis to DfE for post 16 destinations for Year 11 pupils leaving school in the previous academic year. The main outcomes are shown in a table at Appendix 1 for all publicly funded establishments in the county. The detailed breakdown for the three 14-19 establishments are attached as Appendix 2. Those establishments are Bicester Technology Studio School, Space Studio School, Banbury and UTC Oxfordshire.
5. The tables indicate that there is similar change in Number on roll between the beginning and end of the academic year for 14-19 establishments as for the more traditional 11-18 schools. There is also no major difference in categories of destination. Most leavers go on to 6<sup>th</sup> form provision, FE colleges or

apprenticeships. There is a low percentage of pupils who are not known to be in fulltime education or employment with further training.

6. All three establishments are academies and as such not maintained by the council. The oversight for funding and effective governance of these establishments therefore rests with the regional Schools Commissioner as representative of the Secretary of State for Education.
7. UTC Oxfordshire has been one of only a few UTCs nationally to secure numbers and good standards. It is understood that Activate Learning Trust, which oversees The Bicester School and Bicester Technology Studio School, is considering the long-term future of the Studio School.
8. Nationally UTCs and Studio Schools have been subject to sustainability issues as they typically have a capacity of only between 300 and 600 places. Studio schools with a capacity of 300 places are particularly vulnerable.

### **Financial and Staff Implications**

9. None

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Background papers: Nil

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