

**16 October 2023**

**Agenda Item 7**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SELECT COMMITTEE**

### **PROPOSED REVIEWS REGARDING ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPIL PLACE PLANNING**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek agreement for the proposed scopes for task and finish reviews regarding Elective Home Education and Secondary School Pupil Place Planning.

#### **Information**

2. Scrutiny task and finish review groups are informal, time-limited bodies that are established to undertake a specific piece of Scrutiny work and then report back to the full Select Committee with their findings and recommendations.
3. At its meeting on 10 October 2022, the Select Committee considered a report on Elective Home Education. The report set out the legal rights of parents to withdraw a child from school, the number of children in these circumstances and the support offered to these children and their families by the Council. Following the discussion of the report, it was resolved:

**“That members of the Committee be involved in the review of the Council’s Elective Home Education Policy that is scheduled to take place during 2023.”**

4. In addition, at its meeting on 20 March 2023, the Select Committee considered a report on Secondary School Place Planning. This report set out the current position of secondary school place planning in Nottinghamshire in relation to both the overall sufficiency of school places and in terms of specific year group place pressures, to enable the Select Committee to monitor the Council’s discharge of its statutory duty in this area. Following the discussion of the report, it was resolved:

**“That members of the Committee carry out a task and finish review on how the Children and Families and Place departments can best work together on projects being implemented to deliver additional school places.”**

5. Following these resolutions, proposed scopes for associated task and finish reviews have been drafted in consultation with the relevant officers and are attached as **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2** to the report.

## **Financial Implications**

6. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1) That the proposed scopes for task and finish reviews regarding Elective Home Education and Secondary School Pupil Place Planning are approved.

**Councillor Sam Smith**

**Chairman of the Children and Families Select Committee**

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## **Constitutional Comments (SF 6/10/23)**

7. The matters referred to in this report and the recommended action are within the remit of the Children and Families Select Committee (Constitution Section 6 Terms of Reference).

## **Financial Comments (KRP 6/10/23)**

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from the contents of the report

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

9. Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- [Elective Home Education](#), report to the Children and Families Select Committee (10 October 2022)
- [Secondary School Place Planning](#), report to the Children and Families Select Committee (20 March 2023)

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All