

# **SCRUTINY ADVISORY BOARD – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Meeting date: 9 February 2021**

**From: Executive Director Corporate Customer and Communities**

## **Board Briefing**

### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To provide an overview of the Board's business and opportunities for further scrutiny.

### **2.0 Issues for Scrutiny**

2.1 To note the outcome of the meeting with representatives of the Board and officers leading on the School Admissions Policy.

### **3.0 Background**

3.1 Since the previous meeting of the Board in December the main activity relating to the Board has included:

- Referral to December cabinet on School Admissions Policy;
- Contribution to the draft Scrutiny Annual Report which is due to be published in April.

3.2 In December the Chair of the Board wrote to the Leader requesting that the item on the School Admissions Policy be deferred to the next Cabinet cycle to allow members of the Board an opportunity to look at the policy and feed in any views.

3.3 Cabinet agreed to defer the specific recommendation about catchment areas to allow an opportunity for Board members to be invited to meet with officers responsible for the paper.

3.4 An informal meeting was held with 3 members of the Board, the Assistant Director and the manager responsible for drafting the policy. Based on the concerns raised by the Members, the Assistant Director agreed to advise Cabinet that a review of the catchments in the parts of the Copeland area could be carried out during the summer to inform the next iteration of the

School Admissions Policy, which goes to consultation in the Autumn and to Cabinet in December 2021. Members were satisfied with the outcome of the discussion.

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### **Appendices**

No appendices

### **Previous Relevant Council or Executive Decisions [including Local Committees]**

No previous relevant decisions.

### **Background Papers**

No background papers.

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