Report for: CPAC 17 November 2026

Item number: 7

Title: Virtual School (VS) annual report 2025-26

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

Report for Key/ Non Key Decision: For Information and Noting

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 The Virtual School Team is a multi-disciplinary team working to raise the educational attainment and attendance of children and young people in care. It works in partnership with colleagues across the authority, and also with the third sector. It tracks educational progress, while supporting and monitoring work with children and young people in care. It works to help young people achieve their full potential, and offers support and advice to those who care and work with them.

1.2 The report provides a summary of the activity of the team in 2025-26 as well as an outline of attendance, suspensions, exclusions and attainment, for our children in care and reporting on its extended duties.

1.3 To note, that Ofsted validated data will not be available until late January 2027, for this reason the report has been watermarked as "draft".

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

3.1 That Members note contents of this report.

4. Reasons for decision

4.1 This report is for information only

5. Alternative options considered

N/A

6. Background information

N/A

7. Contribution to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-2024 High level Strategic outcomes

N/A

8. Carbon and Climate Change

N/A

9. Statutory Officers comments (Director of Finance (procurement), Head of Legal and Governance, Equalities)

N/A

10. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Virtual School annual 2025-26

11. Background papers

N/A