

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Bullying Scrutiny Panel Report</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>11 June 2014</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>The Monitoring Officer</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

1.1 In December 2012, HWOSC agreed to establish a scrutiny panel to look at bullying in schools. The panel was chaired by Councillor Ruth Buckley, with Councillors Vanessa Brown and Penny Gilbey and Sam Watling from the Brighton & Hove Youth Council. Robin Banerjee, Professor of Developmental Psychology at the University of Sussex

1.2 The scrutiny panel report is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 That HWOSC endorse the scrutiny panel report on bullying in schools (**Appendix 1**) and refer it on for consideration by the appropriate policy committee(s)

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3.1 In December 2012, HWOSC agreed a request for a scrutiny panel to be set up looking at how local schools handle bullying.

3.2 A panel consisting of Councillors Brown, Buckley and Gilbey was established, with Councillor Buckley agreeing to chair. The panel held several evidence gathering meetings, speaking to local schools, to the Youth Council and to third sector support organisations including the Parents Forum, Safety Net, Rise and others.

3.3 The panel members also spoke to officers within the council to get a full picture of what was in place.

**4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

4.1 The HWOSC has the option to decline to endorse the scrutiny panel report.

## **5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The panel members spoke to a wide range of partners; please see the report for full details.

## **6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 In line with normal procedure, we are asking that the HWOSC endorses this report and refers it on to the appropriate BHCC Policy Committee(s) for consideration.

## **7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

### Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The financial implications of the recommendations from the scrutiny panel will be assessed in the context of the Council's budget strategy when the recommendations are considered by the policy committees.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley*

*Date: 29/01/14*

### Legal Implications:

- 7.2 Once HWOSC has agreed its recommendations based on the work of the scrutiny panel, it must prepare a formal report and submit it to the council's Chief Executive for consideration at the relevant decision-making body.
- 7.3 If HWOSC cannot agree on one single final report, up to one minority report may be prepared and submitted for consideration by the relevant policy committee with the majority report.

*Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon*

*Date: 29/01/14*

### Equalities Implications:

- 7.4 None identified

### Sustainability Implications:

- 7.5 None identified

### Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.6 Public Health issues are covered in the body of the report.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. The Bullying Scrutiny Panel Report

**Documents in Members' Rooms**

None

**Background Documents**

None

