

Report sponsor: Service Director for Legal,
Procurement and Democratic Service
Report author: Democratic Services Officer

Referral to the Audit & Governance Committee – Special Needs Provision

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Audit and Governance Committee with clarification on why the matter has been referred for its attention and to provide any further information necessary to facilitate a discussion on the matter. A minute extract from the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board held on 6th September 2021 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 To discuss the clarification of reasons for the recommendation provided by the Chair and attached at Appendix 3

Recommendation

- 2.1 To provide clarification as to why the matter has been referred to the Audit and Governance Committee and to provide any detail or information necessary to assist further discussion.

Reason

- 3.1 To allow the Board an opportunity to clarify the reason for the recommendation to the Audit and Governance Board and to provide any further information necessary to support discussion of the matter.

Supporting information

- 4.1 At a recent meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board, a matter was referred to the Audit and Governance Committee, relating to placements for children with SEND.

Although the resolution was carried by the Scrutiny Board, the reasons why the matter was being referred to the Audit & Governance Board were not discussed. The minute extract from the Scrutiny Board have been shared with the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, who has requested that the Board provide further clarification as to the basis for the referral, under the Committee's terms of reference.

- 4.2 The Terms of Reference of the Audit and Governance Committee are attached at Appendix 2.

The Audit and Accounts Committee is a key component of the Council's corporate governance. It provides a high-level focus on the audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.

The purpose of the Audit and Accounts Committee is to provide independent assurance to the Council on the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control environment. It provides independent review of the council's governance, risk management and control frameworks and oversees the financial reporting and annual governance processes. It oversees internal and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 None directly arising from this report

Other options

6.1 None directly arising from this report

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None directly arising from this report

Legal implications

8.1 None directly arising from this report

Climate implications

9.1 None directly arising from this report

Other significant implications

10.1 None directly arising from this report

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal Finance Service Director(s) Report sponsor Other(s)	 Emily Feenan, Service Director for Legal, Procurement and Democratic Service	 06/10/2021
Background papers: List of appendices:		
Appendix 1 – Minute Extract CYP Scrutiny Review Board 06.09.21 Special Needs Provision Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference Audit and Accounts Committee Appendix 3 – Reasons for the Recommendation regarding Special Needs Provision provided by the Chair		