

TITLE	Virtual School Annual Report
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22 September 2015
WARD	None Specific
DIRECTOR	Judith Ramsden, Director Children’s Services

<p>OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY</p> <p>More effective education for disadvantaged pupils, and better life-chances for them</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That the report is noted.</p>
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT</p> <p>The report describes the re-launch of Wokingham’s Virtual School for looked-after pupils, indicating its ambition to champion the interests of a wider range of vulnerable groups of pupils. The structure, resourcing and priorities of the Virtual school are shown along with indications of impact and next steps.</p>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	n/a	n/a	n/a

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

The Virtual school works by co-ordinating existing resources to focus on the interests of disadvantaged groups.

Cross-Council Implications (how does this decision impact on other Council services, including properties and priorities?)

n/a

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

n/a

List of Background Papers

Virtual School Annual Report annexed

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