

SCRUTINY LEADS UPDATES OSC MEETING 7TH FEBRUARY 2022

COUNCILLOR BEX - SCRUTINY LEAD FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION

- ❖ Prior to Christmas 2021 the Chair submitted written enquiries on preparations for possible school closures, although in the event these did not happen. The Sub-Committee will continue to have a Covid impact update as a standing item on the agenda, and at the next meeting will investigate the impact of the Omicron wave on education and children's social care.
- ❖ On Monday 17th January 2022 the Chair met with the Cabinet Member and Corporate Director for a departmental update.
- ❖ The Written Statement of Action in response to the recent Ofsted/CQC inspection of our SEND service has been accepted by Ofsted. This will be the main item on the agenda for February's Sub-Committee.
- ❖ The Sub-Committee agreed to move the meeting to 4:30-6:30 on a permanent basis, as this makes it easier for children, young people, and external partners to attend. The Sub-Committee has had its most valuable contributions when they hear directly from those on the front line, so this change is welcomed.