

London Borough of Bromley

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**Briefing for Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee
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VIRTUAL SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

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1. Summary

- 1.1 Section 99 of the Children and Families Act 2014 came into force in May 2014, making the role of Virtual School Head Teacher statutory. The Virtual School Head Teacher should be the lead responsible officer for ensuring that arrangements are in place to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of the authority's Looked After children, including those placed out of authority. Representing the corporate parents, the Virtual School Head Teacher should, therefore, have arrangements in place to ensure the educational attainment and progress of children looked after by the local authority are monitored and evaluated as if those children attended a single school.
- 1.2 In recognition of the importance of the work of the Virtual School in the work of improving outcomes for Looked After Children, the new Ofsted Framework for the Inspection of Services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After and Care Leavers requires the publication of a Virtual School Annual Report as part of the data provided by the authority.
- 1.3 Members are asked to read and note the Annual Report on the Work of the Virtual School, April 2015.

2. **THE BRIEFING**

- 2.1 See attached report.