

REPORT TO: Children, Young People & Families Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 13 June 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People & Economy

PORTFOLIO: Children, Young People & Families

SUBJECT: Presentation –“The Changing Role of the Regional School Commissioner” and “The Education and Adoption Act, March 2016.

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To receive a presentation on the Education and Adoption Act 2016 and the “Changing Role of the Regional School Commissioner”.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) Members receive the presentation; and**
- (2) Members ask any questions about the implications of the proposed changes.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Children, Young People & Families Policy and Performance Board have an overview and scrutiny role for children’s services in as they operate in Halton.

3.2 The Operational Director and Divisional Manger for Education will provide a summary of the paper and identify implications.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The LA must work in partnership with the RSC in addressing “Schools Causing Concern. The RSC will have greater powers of interventions regarding schools causing concern.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The RSCs new powers will lead to more schools converting to academy status.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL’S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

Outcomes for children and quality assurance of provision may be impacted upon

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

TUPE arrangements for large number of staff working within schools to Multi Academy Trusts (MAT's)

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None identified.

6.4 A Safer Halton

The LA will continue to have the duty to safeguard children and young people and will play a greater role in meeting the needs of vulnerable pupils.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 A risk analysis is being carried out to identify and support schools who meet the revised thresholds.

8.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES

None identified.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
The Education and Adoption Bill, March 2016	Rutland House	Ann McIntyre