

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Safeguarding Sub-Committee	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>Subject:</b> Virtual School Headteacher Annual Report for Academic Year 2021-2022	<b>COVER REPORT:</b> <b>PUBLIC</b>  <b>Appendix : NON-PUBLIC</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	<b>To contribute to a flourishing society</b> 1d, 2c,3b,3c.3d
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Virtual School for Children with a Social Worker	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Andrew Russell, retired Headteacher of Virtual School for Children with a Social Worker, with summary and recommendation by Debby Rigby, Headteacher of Virtual School for Children with a Social Worker, from 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2022.	

### Summary

This report provides Members with information about The City of London Virtual School for Children with a Social Worker. This report covers the period September 2021 to August 2022, when Andrew Russell was the headteacher and Helen Priest was employed to fulfil the extended role duties. The report gives a background to the school, its purpose and role in supporting children and young people with their education. It describes the work that has taken place during the last academic year.

In September 2021, 670 people from Afghanistan were accommodated in The City and this report describes how well the Virtual School and Social Care and Education staff adapted to provide an excellent service to the families, organising an emergency school and processing large numbers of school place applications. The report contains information on attendance and Personal Education Plans (PEPs) and describes the findings of a review into the tuition service, used to support our young people.

Andrew Russell and Helen Priest retired from The City of London Virtual School in July 2022 and Debby Rigby was appointed on a three day a week, term time contract, on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Debby has taken on the extended duties as part her role and has met with colleagues across The City, contacted pupils, visited schools,

attended meetings, and produced a School Development Plan for the academic year 2022/2023. As well as monitoring, supporting, and challenging the education our children and young people receive, she is working on enrichment projects, including one with The Aldgate School, to help break down barriers to learning for all children, especially those who have had a social worker in the past.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to:

- Note the report and contact email of the new Virtual Headteacher [debby.rigby@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:debby.rigby@cityoflondon.gov.uk)