## **CABINET**

## 24 MAY 2024

## ADDENDUM TO THE REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## A.11 SCRUTINY OF SCHOOL AGE EDUCATION PROVISION

The response of the Partnerships Portfolio Holder to the recommendations made by the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee is as follows:-

"The Education Task and Finish group highlighted the significant challenges both for Tendring secondary schools and young people in relation to mental health and school attendance.

I welcome this report and the focus around the mental health of our young people as it is one of the significant reasons for non-attendance and with the many challenges young people face, early mental health support and provision is critical. As teachers are not routinely trained around mental health, projects such as the Wellbeing Hubs provide an excellent and very powerful opportunity to support our young people and upskill our teachers.

I support the championing of mental health services for young people and also the broader provision, for example around Family Solutions which can provide wider holistic support for families and thereby opportunity for young people.

Attendance is a key priority of the Tendring Education Strategic Board this academic year.

The work of the task and finish group has identified some key areas of focus and I look forward to seeing how this work develops."