**Highlight Report**

**Title of meeting:** PEP Strategic Board

**Date of meeting:** 14th June 2021

**Report from Group / Board:** Digital Learning

**Report by:** Debbie Anderson

**Reporting Period:** March 2021 - May 2021

1. **Progress in this Reporting Period**

* A new Digital survey was undertaken to broaden the scope of the November 20 survey and look to the future. Also, to be able to identify what has changed. 64 schools/colleges including special schools responded. 83% strongly believe that we should develop a city-wide vision. More than half identify ‘financial’ as the main barrier to digital development. The survey is being used to create a ‘Digital Discussion Paper’ for the July conference.
* Schools identifying that they want to move forward quickly with a 1:1 strategy have been contacted to see if they require support.
* A wide range of people have been called upon to submit pieces for the discussion paper. A number of schools have been approached for case studies. The Digital Pioneers have met a number of times to review the survey data and consider the best pitch to schools to keep the momentum of digital change going.
* Digital enablement with Shaping Portsmouth continues. Shaping are coming on-board as a key partner for the city wide strategy. A film brief has been written for them and they are currently looking for a company who can create a 3 minute film to promote Portsmouth as a Digital City 2040 and inspire children, educators and parents with this vision for the future.
* Liaison with the Education Foundation (who formerly delivered the Ed tech schools programme) to see what support they might be able to give in Year 2 of the PEP strategy. Costs for running a digital summit- £7k and roundtables- £4k. Too high so plan is to deliver in house, drawing on the resource of the Digital Officer.
* Content for PEP website on Digital Strategy and resources developed.
* Launch of training offer from Primary Goal (use of Apprenticeship Levy) to recruit a Digital Advocate or Digital Champion.

1. **Plans for next Reporting Period** (May to October 2021)

* Launch of Portsmouth Digital strategy development at PEP Summer Conference on 2nd July: take up of what is offered can be reported back on.
* Building a collective vision: change management approach and key resources.

1. **Key Issues and Risks for the board to be aware of**

* Some families and schools feel that the push for digital education is now not so relevant given the return to school for all pupils from 8th March 2021.
* Finance remains a barrier.
* There is a lack of appropriate devices coming through from the digital enablement scheme.

1. **Items for decision by the PEP strategic board** (leave this section blank if this paper is for information only)