

Education Scrutiny Committee
Meeting to be held on 10th July 2012

Electoral Division affected: None

Membership, Terms of Reference and Programme of Meetings

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Executive Summary

This report sets out those Members who have been nominated to serve on the Education Scrutiny Committee, together with the Terms of Reference of the Committee and the previously agreed programme of meetings for 2012/13.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the membership, Terms of Reference and programme of meetings as set out in the report.

Background and Advice

At the annual meeting on the 24th May 2012 the full County Council agreed the membership of the Committee as sixteen County Councillors and five voting co-optees on the basis of three representing faith schools and two parent governor representatives.

The following County Councillors have subsequently been nominated to serve on the Committee for the following year:

County Councillors (16)

K Bailey	C Grunshaw
RN Blow	A Jones
K Brown	AD Kay
Mrs P Case	A Knox
Mrs S Derwent	Y Motala
C Evans	S Riches
P Evans	C Wells
S Fishwick	M Younis

The following co-opted members will continue to serve on the Committee.

Voting Co-opted Members (5)

Mr T Charnock – Representing RC Schools
Mr F Kershaw - Representing CE Schools
Mr K Wales - Representing Free Church Schools
Mrs J Hamid - Representing Parent Governors (Secondary)
Mr J Withington - Representing Parent Governors (Primary)

Terms of Reference of the Education Scrutiny Committee

1. To review decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any relevant functions undertaken by the Cabinet collectively, or the relevant Cabinet Members or Cabinet committee.
2. To make reports or recommendations to the Full Council, the Cabinet or the relevant Cabinet Members or Cabinet committee with respect to the discharge of any functions undertaken by the Cabinet collectively or the relevant Cabinet Members or Cabinet committee.
3. In reviewing decisions (other than decisions designated as urgent under Standing Order 34(3)) made in connection with the discharge of any relevant functions undertaken by the Cabinet collectively or the relevant Cabinet Members or Cabinet committee, but which have not been implemented, the Committee may recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it or to refer the decision to the Full Council for it to decide whether it wishes it to be reconsidered by the decision taker.
4. To consider at its discretion as appropriate Forward Plans prepared by the Leader with a view to determining which, if any, of the proposed decisions it wishes to scrutinise.
5. To hold general policy reviews and to assist in the development of future policies and strategies (whether requested by the Full Council, the Cabinet, the relevant Cabinet Members, Cabinet committee or decided by the Committee itself) and, after consulting with any appropriate interested parties, to make recommendations to either the Cabinet, the relevant Cabinet Members, Cabinet committee or to the Full Council as appropriate.
6. To fulfil all the statutory functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to education functions of a Children's Services Authority.
7. To undertake reviews (whether requested by the Full Council, the Cabinet, the relevant Cabinet Members, Cabinet committee or decided by the Committee itself) and make recommendations to the Full Council, the Cabinet, Cabinet committee or the relevant Cabinet Members, as appropriate, on relevant services or activities carried out by external organisations which affect Lancashire or its inhabitants.

8. To consider any relevant matter referred to the Committee by the Scrutiny Committee following a request by a County Councillor or a Co-optee of the Committee who wishes the issue to be considered.
9. To request that the Scrutiny Committee establish sub-committees, task groups and other working groups and panels as necessary.
10. To invite to any meeting of the Committee and permit to participate in discussion and debate, but not to vote, any person not a County Councillor whom the Committee considers would assist it in carrying out its functions.
11. To require any Councillor who is a member of the Cabinet, the appropriate Executive Director or a senior officer nominated by him/her, or the Director of the Lancashire County Commercial Group to attend any meeting of the Committee to answer questions and discuss issues.
12. To recommend the Full Council to co-opt on to the committee persons with appropriate expertise in the relevant education matters, without voting rights
13. To recommend to the Scrutiny Committee appropriate training for members of the Committee on education related issues.
14. To consider and respond to petitions in accordance with the Council's petitions scheme.

Programme of meetings

At the meeting on the 15th December 2011 the full County Council agreed the following programme of meetings for the Committee in 2012/13.

10th July 2012
6th November 2012
16th January 2013 (budget)
12th March 2013

Meetings will be held at 10am in Cabinet Room 'C' at County Hall, Preston.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant risks associated with this item.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Agenda/Proceedings from Full County Council	15 th December 2011 and 24 th May 2012	Mike Neville, Office of the Chief Executive, 01772 533431

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate
N/A