

Meeting of the Full Council - 25 May 2017

Report on the Education Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28 March 2017

Chair: Former County Councillor Cynthia Dereli

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Schools National Funding Formula (SNFF)

A report was presented informing the Committee that the Department for Education (DfE) had launched stage 2 of their Schools National Funding Formula (SNFF) consultation in December 2016, with responses required by 22 March 2017. The report also set out possible implications for Lancashire.

Resolved:

The Committee noted the report, supported the consultation response as submitted by the Lancashire Schools Forum and summarised in the report; and agreed that the response from the Department for Education's stage 2 consultation be added to the work plan, subject to the outcome of the work planning session for the relevant Scrutiny Committee held after the elections in May 2017.

30 Hours Free Childcare

The Committee was informed that from September 2017 working parents would be able to access free childcare for their three and four year olds for up to 30 hours per week. The report provided set out some of the background to the entitlement, funding rates and what the County Council was currently doing to support the Childcare sector in preparing for the implementation.

Resolved:

The Committee noted the report and the officers were thanked for their work in supporting the sector, noted the concerns raised for the future of the 30 Hour Free Childcare offer as a potential future topic for scrutiny; and agreed that the link to the County Council's childcare website be circulated to all members of the Committee.

Designated Children's Centres and the Implementation of the Property Strategy

A report was presented on the implementation of the Property Strategy with particular reference to designated Children's Centres and transitional protection.

It was reported that as part of the Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service transformation the Children's Centres provision was being reconfigured resulting in the vacation of provision in 23 schools and a revised offer being retained within 21 schools.

Resolved:

The Committee noted the report.

Apprenticeship Reforms

A report was presented providing the Committee with an overview of the apprenticeship reforms including the apprenticeship levy, and the development of an Apprenticeship Growth Plan to support individuals, employers and providers.

Resolved:

The Committee noted the report and agreed that the Apprenticeship Levy and careers advice topics be added to the work plan, subject to the outcome of the work planning session for the relevant Scrutiny Committee held after the elections in May 2017.