Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 6 November 2012

Electoral Division affected: All

A summary of the provisional results at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 at Lancashire and District level.

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The report sets out the overall attainment in Lancashire schools at the end of Key Stages 2 and 4. It is based upon provisional data which has not yet been validated. The results have been analysed at District level and show progress over the past four years.

Recommendation

The Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to give its views on the performance of pupils in Lancashire schools.

Background and Advice

Key Stage 2

In 2012 the unvalidated national results rose when compared with the 2011 results with 79% of pupils reaching level 4 or above in both English and mathematics.

The key features of the 2012 Key Stage 2 results in Lancashire are as follows:

- The overall attainment in Lancashire rose when compared with 2011 in the end of Key Stage 2 tests and was 2% above the national average at 81%.
- Attainment in 9 districts was above the national average of 79% of pupils attaining level 4 or above in both English and mathematics.
- Attainment increased in all twelve districts in 2012.
- The greatest gains were made in Lancaster, Pendle, Hyndburn and Wyre.
- The lowest attaining district was Pendle and it was 7.2% below the Lancashire average. The rate of improvement in Pendle was, however, 2% better than the Lancashire average and as a result the attainment gap narrowed.



 The proportion of schools where there was low attainment fell but schools where there was underperformance have established detailed action plans to raise attainment

Key Stage 4

According to unvalidated data the proportion of pupils gaining 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE including English and mathematics fell by around 0.1% nationally while results in Lancashire fell by 0.6% compared with the 2011 performance.

The key features of the Key Stage 4 results in Lancashire are as follows:

- The overall attainment in Lancashire fell slightly but remained similar to 2011 and was over 1% above the national average.
- Attainment was above the national average in 8 districts in Lancashire.
- In 2011 attainment increased in 4 of the 12 districts: Chorley, West Lancashire, Burnley and Rossendale, falling in the rest.
- The greatest fall in attainment was in South Ribble and Lancaster.
- The lowest attaining District was Burnley which was around 15% below the Lancashire average. The rate of improvement in Burnley was, however, better than the Lancashire and national average and the gap in attainment was narrowed
- The schools attaining below 45% in 2011 went up by an average of 5% in 2012 to 44% overall.
- Detailed action plans are in place for all schools where there were low levels of performance.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

N/A

Risk management

There are no implications for risk management arising from this report.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Interim Results for Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Assessments in England, 2011/12	September 2012	Jonathan Hewitt Directorate for Children and Young People 01772 531663

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