

Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 6 November 2012

Electoral Division affected: All

Mentoring in Schools Programme

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

On 11 October 2012 Cabinet were presented with a report detailing the commitment made by Lancashire County Council to establish a mentoring programme in schools.

The Chair of the Education Scrutiny Committee felt it would be beneficial for the Committee to receive an overview of the Programme and therefore officers from the Communities and Citizens Talent Management Team within the Learning & Development Service will present the report

A copy of the report presented to Cabinet is attached as Appendix 'A'.

Recommendation

That the Committee note and comment on the report.

Background and Advice

Lancashire County Council has made a £3 million commitment over 5 years to establish a mentoring programme in Schools. This will:

- provide mentoring opportunities to identified young people in secondary education Yrs 9, 10 and 11 who are struggling in school;
- recruit, train and support members from the ex-service community in Lancashire to mentor young people and gain the skills needed to progress after the programme to find work outside of the forces; and
- provide a valuable staffing resource for Lancashire schools.

The Mentoring in Schools Steering Group, chaired by County Councillor Mark Perks, Cabinet Member for Young People, convened in order to determine how best the County Council could support young people by accessing mentoring by ex

service personnel. The aim being early intervention and support measures which would raise attainment, reduce exclusions and increase attendance in year groups 9, 10 and 11.

The report to Cabinet detailing the background and benefits of the Programme is attached as Appendix 'A'.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Mentoring in Schools Programme	Cabinet 11.10.12	Eddie Sutton, (01772) 535171, Office of the Chief Executive,