Meeting of the Full Council - 27 February 2020

Reports of the Education Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 29 October 2019, 30 January 2020 and 5 February 2020

Chair: County Councillor Christian Wakeford

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Education Scrutiny Committee

29 October 2019

Lancashire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Partnership - Ofsted Revisit Preparation

The report set out the preparation for the forthcoming Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) re-visit due to take place by the end of October 2019, including the production of a self-assessment.

Resolved: That;

- i. The information presented on the preparation for the forthcoming re-visit by Ofsted and the CQC be considered; and
- ii. The feedback on the self-assessment attached at Appendix 'B' of the report be discussed and agreed.

Supporting Pupils at Special School with Medical Conditions: Task Group Update

The report provided an update on the progress made by the multi-agency Special Schools Nursing Task and Finish Group against the recommendations made by the Children Services Scrutiny Committee in respect of special school nursing provision in Lancashire. In presenting the report, the committee noted that a joint action plan had been developed for the Special Schools Nursing Task and Finish Group which detailed the progress made on each of the recommendations and the next steps.

Resolved: That;

- i. The progress made to date against the recommendations and the proposed ongoing activity against the project plan be noted.
- ii. The feedback on the draft policy be discussed and agreed.
- iii. The committee be provided with the names of the schools in the Lancashire area to encourage responses to the data gathering exercise questionnaire.

30 January 2020

Call In Request: The Future of Maintained Nursery Schools

It was reported that on 16 January 2020, Cabinet considered and approved the recommendations contained in the Future of Maintained Nursery Schools report.

Following requests from 11 County Councillors in accordance with the "Call In" procedures, the Chair of the Education Scrutiny Committee has called a meeting to consider calling in the decision.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Cabinet decision on 16 January 2020 in relation to the Future of Maintained Nursery Schools should not be called in; and
- ii. The outcome of the consultation on maintained nursery schools be reviewed at a future meeting of the Education Scrutiny Committee.

5 February 2020

The report presented provided detail of standards in Lancashire schools, together with a summary of judgements by Ofsted.

Resolved: That;

- i. The standards of achievement by Lancashire children be noted.
- ii. Comments be noted on the work undertaken to address any issues and sustain improvement.
- iii. An update on the progress of the improvement model be provided at a future meeting of the Education Scrutiny Committee.

County Councillor Christian Wakeford Chair