

Education Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20

The Education Scrutiny Committee Work Programme details the planned activity to be undertaken over the forthcoming municipal year through scheduled Committee meetings, task group, events and through use of the 'rapporteur' model.

The items on the work programme are determined by the Committee following the work programming session at the start of the municipal year in line with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees terms of reference detailed in the County Councils Constitution. This includes provision for the rights of County Councillors to ask for any matter to be considered by the Committee or to call-in decisions.

Coordination of the work programme activity is undertaken by the Chair and Deputy Chair of all of the Scrutiny Committees to avoid potential duplication.

In addition to the terms of reference outlined in the [Constitution](#) (Part 2 Article 5) for all Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Education Scrutiny Committee will:

- Scrutinise matters relating to education delivered by the authority and other relevant partners
- Fulfil all the statutory functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to education functions of a Children's Services Authority

The Work Programme will be submitted to and agreed by the Scrutiny Committees at each meeting and will be published with each agenda.

The dates are indicative of when the Education Scrutiny Committee will review the item, however they may need to be rescheduled and new items added as required.

Topic	Scrutiny Purpose	Lead Officers/ Organisation	Proposed Date(s)	Recommendations	Progress
Schools Finance	To receive an update on the schools financial position	Andrew Good	22 July 2019	Noted	NA
Early Education	Overview of service provision and current challenges	Paul Duckworth Mel Foster Kate Dewhurst	22 July 2019	All county councillors be provided with details on the local offer of early year's places for all districts including service planning areas to support the service and parents in the consideration of early year's providers where there is capacity.	
Maintained Nurseries	Update on financial position and the working group	Andrew Good Paul Foster Mel Foster Kate Dewhurst	22 July 2019	Noted	NA
Task group update	Progress on recommendations from Pupils at Special School with Medical Conditions task group	Head of Policy, Information and Commissioning	29 October 2019	The committee be provided with the names of the schools in the Lancashire area to encourage responses to the data gathering exercise questionnaire	Received – only 2 SEMH schools in Lancs where SS nursing services is not provided, therefore response not required.
SEND	Self-assessment ahead of SEND inspection. Focus on inspection preparation	Head of Inclusion	29 October 2019	Noted	

Lancashire Schools - attainment data	Attainment outcomes report	Director of Education and Skills Head of Education, Quality and Performance	5 February 2020	An update on the progress of the improvement model be provided at a future meeting of the Education Scrutiny Committee.	
Schools Causing Concern task group	Final draft report	Chair of task group	3 March 2020		
SEND Provision Development	Progress update on the implementation of principles following August Cabinet report	Head of Inclusion	3 March 2020		
Early Years Strategy	Update on strategy progress with health	Head of Education, Quality and Performance Health representative – TBC	3 March 2020		
SEND Inspection	Outcome of local area inspection	Head of Inclusion Director of Education and Skills	TBC		

NEET (not in education, employment or training)	Update on progress to reduce numbers of NEET in Lancashire. To include how child poverty impacts on numbers of NEET and how this is addressed	Director of Education and Skills 16-19 Skills Lead	TBC		
Lancashire Breaktime	Proposal for future delivery following review agreed at August Cabinet	Head of Inclusion	TBC		
Briefing Notes					
Transitions	Have we got it right? – Work undertaken by steering group? Include children's to adults services and special schools to further education	Transitions steering group - TBC			
Exclusions	Progress on the strategies to support reduction	Head of Education, Quality and Performance			
Outdoor Education Provision	Physical education in schools – grant funding to support PE and sport activities – outcomes and impact	Scrutiny Officer/finance	Feb 2020		
Elective Home Education guidance	Policy updates following release of EHE guidance in April 2019. To include: Data on numbers children withdrawn from school	Head of Education, Quality and Performance			

	How does neglect strategy feed into EHE service provision				
Schools causing concern	Annual update	Head of Financial Management (Development and Schools)			
Information Sessions (BSBs)					
School admissions	Locality information sessions on school admissions, place planning process, support and standards	TBC	TBC		

Other potential topics:

Schools transport – SEND transport policy, SEND transport arrangements, PRU consultation outcome

SEN equipment in schools – review of 'fit for purpose' equipment in schools

Child poverty - effects on education and how pupil premium is making a difference. To include armed forces families mentor funding

Parking at schools

Maintained nurseries (following Cabinet report in January)

Early Help inspection outcome

School Improvement Model (due to be in place by September 2020) – potential scrutiny review at year end