

## **Meeting of the Full Council - 15 October 2020**

### **Report on the Education and Children's Services Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2020**

**Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay**

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#### **2 September 2020**

##### **The Role of the Local Authority with Schools**

A presentation was provided to the committee and aimed to do three things:

- Set out what Local Authorities had the legal powers to do to support schools and settings.
- Present an overview of how these duties were met in Lancashire where a number of schools were no longer maintained by the Local Authority.
- Set out how schools and settings would be supported to open fully this September within the scope of the local framework the Local Authority operated in.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

##### **Joint Area SEND Revisit in Lancashire**

The report presented explained that between 9 March and 12 March 2020, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) revisited the area of Lancashire to decide whether sufficient progress had been made in addressing each of significant areas for improvement detailed in the written statement of action issued on 8 January 2018. The report provided members with details and the outcome of the revisit.

**Resolved:** That:

- i. The information provided be noted.
- ii. Comments from the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- iii. The Accelerated Progress Plan be circulated to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.
- iv. The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee be provided with a progress update in six months.

## **Schools Causing Concern Task Group - Response to Recommendations**

The report presented informed committee members that in March 2020, the Education Scrutiny Committee published a task and finish group report on 'Schools Causing Concern'.

In accordance with agreed protocols, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools had been asked to provide a response to the recommendations included as part of the task and finish group's report.

The Cabinet Member thanked the members of the task and finish group for all their effort and work in putting the report together. The Cabinet Member supported and commented on all of the recommendations of the task and finish group

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The response be received.
- ii. A progress update on recommendations be provided to the committee in six months.