

Education Scrutiny Committee – Workplan 2013/14

Date of Meeting	Agenda Setting Meeting	Chair's Briefing Session	Topic	Author	Purpose/Key issues
Nov			"Missing" Children	Bob Stott, Ann Pennell, Stasia Osiowy	To consider: -Statistics for Lancashire in relation to missing cases -How effectively different agencies are cooperating in tackling the problems associated with children missing from education, school and /or healthcare - how O&S can contribute to further policy and service improvements
			Examinations Results (unvalidated)	Bob Stott	
March			Lancashire School Governing Bodies	Bob Stott, Helen BrownJohn, head-teacher (tbc), Chair of Governors (tbc)	A scrutiny of the effectiveness, impact, reach and value for money of the County Council's Governor Services, a traded service for schools. Assessment of levels of accountability and oversight of academies NB Take note of Education Select Committee report of July 2013
			School Term Dates and Holidays		To consider: -the appropriateness of delegated powers to schools to determine school term dates in supporting improvement in schools - the likely impact on families in Lancashire
			Examinations Results (validated)	Bob Stott	To consider in particular progress made in strengthening performance in English and maths.

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			Task Group Report: "Achievement of Pupils on Free School Meals"	Cllr Cynthia Dereli	Presentation of draft report produced by task group
July					

Task Group Summary

Name of Task Group	Completion Date and/or Committee Date
Attainment of Children Eligible for Free School Meals (tbc)	Early 2014

(to provide members with updated information following a report previously submitted to committee)

Briefing Notes Summary –

(to obtain outline information for consideration for inclusion within the workplan OR to provide members with updated information following a Committee meeting)

Name of Briefing Note	Date Due
Attainment of Gypsy/Roma/Traveller and impact overall on schools dealing with substantial transient pupil base	Jonathan Hewitt
Educational (and personal) attainment of Youth Offenders	November 2013
Services and support offered by LCC and others in improving diet and nutrition of pupils	November 2013
Attainment of 1 st generation economic migrant pupils and the capacity of schools to accommodate them and maintain standards for all	November 2013
Special Needs Schools – progress in tackling specific challenges eg. transport	

Potential Future Topics – (yet to be agreed)

- 14-19 Education
- Children in Care , educational (and personal) attainment – regular report
- Mentoring
- Improving educational attainment of youth offenders
- Govt requirements for additional services: impact on schools' capacity to deliver without impacting on academic teaching and learning standards
- Alternative and Complementary Education and Residential Services (ACERS)
- Elective Home Education
- Student Support
- Pupil Attendance