

**Education Scrutiny Committee**  
Meeting to be held on 21st June 2011

Electoral Division affected: None
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**Membership, Terms of Reference and Programme of Meetings**

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**Executive Summary**

This report sets out those Members who have been nominated to serve on the Education Scrutiny Committee, together with the Terms of Reference of the Committee and the previously agreed programme of meetings for 2011/12.

**Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to note the membership, Terms of Reference and programme of meetings as set out in the report.

**Background and Advice**

At the annual meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 the full County Council agreed the membership of the Committee as sixteen County Councillors and five voting co-optees on the basis of three representing faith schools and two parent governor representatives.

The following County Councillors have subsequently been nominated to serve on the Committee for the following year:

County Councillors (16)

K Bailey	C Grunshaw
RN Blow	A Jones
K Brown	AD Kay
P Case	A Knox
S Derwent	Y Motala
C Evans	S Riches
P Evans	C Wells
S Fishwick	M Younis

The following co-opted members will continue to serve on the Committee.

#### Voting Co-opted Members (5)

Mr T Charnock – Representing RC Schools  
Mr F Kershaw - Representing CE Schools  
Mr K Wales - Representing Free Church Schools  
Mrs J Hamid - Representing Parent Governors (Secondary)  
Mr J Withington - Representing Parent Governors (Primary)

#### **Terms of Reference of the Education Scrutiny Committee**

1. To review decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any relevant functions undertaken by the Cabinet collectively, or the relevant Cabinet Members or Cabinet Committee.
2. To make reports or recommendations to the Full Council, the Cabinet or the relevant Cabinet Members or Cabinet Committee with respect to the discharge of any functions undertaken by the Cabinet collectively or the relevant Cabinet Members or Cabinet Committee.
3. In reviewing decisions (other than decisions designated as urgent under Standing Order 34(3)) made in connection with the discharge of any relevant functions undertaken by the Cabinet collectively or the relevant Cabinet Members or Cabinet Committee, but which have not been implemented, the Committee may recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it or to refer the decision to the Full Council for it to decide whether it wishes it to be reconsidered by the decision taker.
4. To consider at its discretion as appropriate Forward Plans prepared by the Leader with a view to determining which, if any, of the proposed decisions it wishes to scrutinise.
5. To hold general policy reviews and to assist in the development of future policies and strategies (whether requested by the Full Council, the Cabinet, the relevant Cabinet Members, Cabinet Committee or decided by the Committee itself) and, after consulting with any appropriate interested parties, to make recommendations to either the Cabinet, the relevant Cabinet Members, Cabinet Committee or to the Full Council as appropriate.
6. To fulfil all the statutory functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to education functions of a Children's Services Authority
7. To undertake reviews (whether requested by the Full Council, the Cabinet, the relevant Cabinet Members, Cabinet Committee or decided by the Committee itself) and make recommendations to the Full Council, the Cabinet, Cabinet committee or the relevant Cabinet Members, as appropriate, on relevant services or activities carried out by external organisations which affect Lancashire or its inhabitants.

8. To consider any relevant matter referred to the Committee by the Scrutiny Committee following a request by a County Councillor or a Co-optee of the Committee who wishes the issue to be considered.
9. To request that the Scrutiny Committee establish sub-committees, task groups and other working groups and panels as necessary.
10. To invite to any meeting of the Committee and permit to participate in discussion and debate, but not to vote, any person not a County Councillor whom the Committee considers would assist it in carrying out its functions.
11. To require any Councillor who is a member of the Cabinet, the appropriate Executive Director or a senior officer nominated by him/her, or the Director of the Lancashire County Commercial Group to attend any meeting of the Committee to answer questions and discuss issues.
12. To review and scrutinise relevant aspects of the Local Area Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
13. To recommend the Full Council to co-opt on to the Committee persons with appropriate expertise in the relevant education matters, without voting rights
14. To recommend to the Scrutiny Committee appropriate training for members of the Committee on education related issues.

### **Programme of meetings**

At the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010 the full County Council agreed the following programme of meetings for the Committee in 2011/12.

12<sup>th</sup> July 2011\*

1<sup>st</sup> November 2011

13<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Meetings will be held at 10am in Cabinet Room 'C' at County Hall Preston.

\* with the agreement of the Chair this meeting was subsequently brought forward in order that the Committee could consider the Government Green Paper 'Support and aspiration: a new approach to special educational needs and disability' and submit comments before the end of the consultation period on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

There are no significant risks associated with this item.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Agenda/Proceedings from Full County Council	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2010 and 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2011	Mike Neville, Office of the Chief Executive, 01772 533431

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate  
N/A