

Meeting of the Full Council – 12 December 2013

Report on the Education Scrutiny Committee Meeting 5 November 2013

Chair: County Councillor Cynthia Dereli

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A report on the local authority's leadership of school improvement support

The Committee received a report on the Authority's draft strategy for school improvement and the main features of the evaluation model being used to review the effectiveness of school improvement arrangements in Lancashire. The report highlighted the key findings from the initial review of support for school improvement including strengths and priorities for development.

Children and Young People not participating in a school setting

The Committee received an update on the performance and progress of four of the teams working closely with groups of children and young people currently not participating in education in a school setting.

Information was also provided in the report on the themed audit that the Directorate for Children and Young People was carrying out around "missing children" and the connectivity of the Local Authority and other partner services around supporting this broader group. It was envisaged that the findings of this themed audit would be reported back to the Committee possibly in July 2014.

The Committee considered the work done by each of the four teams in detail.

It was agreed that:

- i. The teams working closely with groups of children and young people not participating in a school setting be congratulated on the work in this field.
- ii. A further report on the themed audit around Children Missing Education be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
- iii. The % of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller children on roll in school at District level be provided to members of the Committee.
- iv. Tracking figures of those young people who did not return to school in Autumn be provided to members of the Committee.

- v. Comparative data on referrals to the CME team on a year by year basis be provided to the members of the Committee.

A summary of the provisional results at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 at Lancashire and District level

The Committee received a report on the overall attainment of pupils in Lancashire schools at the end of Key Stages 2 and 4 in 2013 and informed the meeting that the report was based on provisional data which had not yet been validated. The results had been analysed at District level and showed progress over the past three years.

A request was made by the Chair that all County Councillors be notified, for their information, when the detailed results data was available.