

**Education Scrutiny Committee**  
Meeting to be held on 15 July 2014

Electoral Divisions affected:  
All

**Report of the Pupil Premium and Attainment Task Group**  
(Appendix A refers)

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**Executive Summary**

Attached at Appendix A is the report of the Pupil Premium and Attainment Task Group.

**Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to:

- i. Support the recommendations of the Task Group, as set out in the report at Appendix A;
- ii. Consider the appropriate mechanism for reviewing the responses to the Task Group's recommendations.

**Background and Advice**

At its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July, the Education Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the Educational Attainment of Pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

The Committee resolved to establish a task group to explore these issues and begin to identify possible actions. The work of the task group would begin as soon as the statistical data for 2013 became available.

**Membership of the task group**

County Councillor Cynthia Dereli (Chair)  
County Councillor Susie Charles  
County Councillor Anne Cheetham  
County Councillor Chris Henig  
County Councillor Bernard Dawson  
Mrs Janet Hamid  
Mr Ken Wales

## Scope of the Scrutiny exercise

To review the effectiveness of the Pupil Premium scheme, with a focus on the groups where statistics indicate more work is needed in raising standards, in particular FSM children at Key stages 3-4

- interrogate the data available in relation to FSM children
- drill down into the detail of the data, subdividing it into more discrete sub-sets, such as by: gender: geographical location; schools; community/ethnic settings; pupil/population density (rural/urban); FSM density
- select and investigate further particular data sub-sets to illuminate reasons why the performance of those FSM children remains below the Lancashire and national average
- explore with practitioners what they see as the specific barriers around learning and achieving amongst those FSM they are working with
- appraise the role and performance of the County Council's Quality and Continuous Improvement Team in supporting Lancashire's head teachers and school governing bodies to deploy their Pupil Premium resources to best effect.
- identify local examples of good practice in use of the Pupil Premium
- make recommendations for improvements.

## Consultations

N/A.

## Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

## Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

### List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A.

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A.