

## **Meeting of the Full Council – 18 December 2014**

### **Report on the Education Scrutiny Committee Meeting 21 October 2014**

**Chair: County Councillor Cynthia Dereli**

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the County Council's web site via the following link:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=181>

### **Lancashire School Term and Holiday Arrangements from 2016/17**

The report provided the background to the current school holiday arrangements and possible future arrangements, and a summary of the responses received from key groups regarding the future arrangements for the Lancashire School Term and Holidays.

The Committee supported the continued practice of Lancashire County Council negotiating and agreeing a framework with the recognised Teacher Associations and Diocesan/Church Authorities based on the principles of the Standard School Year, and that this approach be commended to all Lancashire schools.

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

The report set out the overall attainment in Lancashire schools at the end of Key Stages 2 and 4 in 2014. It 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.

It was agreed that:

- i. Officers be thanked for all their work around attainment in Lancashire schools.
- ii. Validated data relating to Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 attainment be sent, via a link, to members of this Committee when available;
- iii. A further report on validated Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 attainment be provided to this Committee at its next meeting in March.

### **A summary of partnership arrangements amongst Lancashire schools.**

The report explained the purpose and range of partnerships between schools in Lancashire which were invaluable in helping schools to improve the quality of education they provided; these partnerships were constantly evolving to meet new

challenges and opportunities. It also set out strategies to promote partnership working between schools.

It was agreed that:

- i. Officers be thanked for their report;
- ii. The importance of partnership working and the ongoing good work in this connection be recognised; and
- iii. The importance of peer to peer support for school governors be recognised and work to improve support for governors be welcomed.

### **Work Plan 2014/15**

The Committee received an update on the current work plan and task groups, and suggestions for the future.