

Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 1st November 2011

Electoral Division affected: All

Summary of the provisional results at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 at Lancashire and District level.

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The report sets out the overall attainment in Lancashire schools at the end of Key Stages 2 and 4. It is based upon provisional data which, in the case of Key Stage 4 pupils, has not yet been validated. The results have been analysed at District level and show progress over the past three years.

Recommendation

The Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to give its views on the performance of pupils in Lancashire schools.

Background and Advice

Key Stage 2

In 2011 the national results rose when compared with the 2009 results with 74% of pupils reaching level 4 or above in both English and mathematics. In 2010 over a quarter of the primary schools nationally did not undertake the tests and in Lancashire this figure rose to over 40%, making comparisons with 2010 unreliable.

The key features of the 2011 Key Stage 2 results in Lancashire are as follows:

- The overall attainment in Lancashire rose when compared with the last year when all schools carried out the end of Key Stage 2 tests and was 1% above the national average at 75%.
- Attainment in 8 districts was above the national average of 74% of pupils attaining level 4 or above in both English and mathematics.

- Attainment increased in 8 out of the twelve districts in 2011 and fell in Fylde, Lancaster, Ribble Valley and Wyre.
- The greatest gains were made in Preston, Rossendale and Chorley.
- The lowest attaining district was Pendle and it was 9.2% below the Lancashire average.
- All the schools where there was underperformance have established detailed action plans to raise attainment

Key Stage 4

According to unvalidated data the proportion of pupils gaining 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE rose by around 2% nationally and this was mirrored in Lancashire.

The key features of the Key Stage 4 results in Lancashire are as follows:

- The overall attainment in Lancashire rose when compared with 2010 and remained 2% above the national average.
- Attainment was above the national average in 7 districts in Lancashire.
- In 2011 attainment increased in 9 of the 12 districts and fell in Ribble Valley, Wyre and Rossendale.
- The greatest gains were made in Fylde, Preston and South Ribble and Fylde was the highest attaining District overall.
- The lowest attaining District was Burnley which was around 19% below the Lancashire average. The 3 schools in the Burnley Education Trust saw an increase of around 3.5% compared with an increase of around 2.0% across Lancashire.
- Almost two thirds of the schools met or exceeded top quartile progress targets
- The schools attaining below 45% in 2010 went up by an average of 6.5%
- The schools with over 20% of pupils eligible for Free School Meals went up by an average of 4.1% to 45.2%
- Detailed action plans are in place for all schools where there were low levels of performance.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

N/A

Risk management

There are no implications for risk management arising from this report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Interim Results for Key Stage 2 & 3 National Curriculum Assessments in England, 2010/11	August 2011	Jonathan Hewitt Directorate for Children and Young People 01772 531663
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		