

Meeting of the Full Council – 17 December 2015

Report on the Education Scrutiny Committee Meeting 21 July 2015 and 17 November 2015

Chair: County Councillor Cynthia Dereli

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21 July 2015

The breadth and quality of the 14-19 learning offer for young people in Lancashire

The report provided an overview of the current position regarding the offer of learning available to young people aged 14-19 in Lancashire.

It explained that local authorities had a statutory duty to secure sufficient and suitable education and training provision to meet the reasonable needs of all young people in their area, by influencing and shaping provision through local partnerships and by identifying gaps, enabling new provision and developing the market. The young people covered by this statutory duty were those aged 16-19 and those aged 19-24 who had a learning difficulty and/or disability and were the subject of a learning difficulty assessment.

Resolved: That,

- i. Officers be thanked for their reports and for their attendance at Committee.
- ii. Comments and concerns expressed by members, as set out in the minutes, be noted.
- iii. A representative of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Skills Board be invited to the November meeting of this Committee, to provide an update on progress being made by the LEP Skills Board.

Young Peoples perspective on the routes to 14 -19 Education & Training provision

The report explained that Lancashire Youth Council had been invited by the Education Scrutiny Committee to carry out a piece of research to find out young people's perspective on the routes to 14-19 education and training provision and to report their findings. A copy of the questionnaire was at Appendix A and the results of the consultation were at Appendix B to the report presented.

It was agreed that the recommendations of the Youth Council, as slightly amended and as set out in the minutes, be supported.

Work Plan

A draft work plan for the Education Scrutiny Committee was presented and discussed.

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Youth Offending Team

The report provided information on the support for young people's education provided by the Youth Offending Team (YOT) to those young people in the criminal justice system. It set out information about: the makeup of the YOT; the delivery model; how young people are referred to the service; and how they are assessed and monitored. It also explained how performance of the service is measured, and some performance data was included at Appendix A to the report presented.

It was agreed that:

- i. Officers be thanked for the report and that all members of the Youth Offending Team be thanked for their work.
- ii. A report about young people who are NEET be brought to a future meeting of this Committee

Lancashire Alternative Provision Offer

The report described the current offer for Lancashire Children and Young People placed in alternative provision and a number of developments being implemented. It set out the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) offer for both primary and secondary pupils and the main functions of the Alternative Provision Team. It also summarised the outcomes, key areas for development and actions.

It was agreed that:

- i. Officers be thanked for the report and their attendance at the meeting;
- ii. That the further information requested, as referred to above, be circulated to the Committee; and
- iii. A further report be brought back to the Committee when considered appropriate.

Attainment of Children Looked After 2014 -2015

This report provided information on the attainment, progress and achievements of Lancashire Children Looked After (CLA) in 2015. The findings for Key Stage 1 and

Key Stage 2 were based on unvalidated assessment information released by the Department for Education (DfE) and local authority information on CLA.

The Key Stage 4 data was school reported data and therefore provisional. The data showed that there were improvements in achievement at the end of Key Stages 1 and 2, but achievement for CLA remained well below that of other pupils in Lancashire. The information indicated that levels of attainment at the end of Key Stage 4 rose in 2015, but remained very low when compared with other pupils.

The report also highlighted pupil progress in key areas of development and the steps taken to implement the Recovery Plan, which were set out at Appendix A to the report presented.

It was agreed that:

- i. Officers be thanked for the report and for their attendance at this Committee.
- ii. A further report be provided to the Education Scrutiny Committee when appropriate, to include the recovery plan for 2015/16.

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