

Education Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018/19

The Education Scrutiny Committee Work Programme details the planned activity to be undertaken over the forthcoming municipal year through scheduled Committee meetings, task group, events and through use of the 'rapporteur' model.

The items on the work programme are determined by the Committee following the work programming session at the start of the municipal year in line with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees terms of reference detailed in the County Councils Constitution. This includes provision for the rights of County Councillors to ask for any matter to be considered by the Committee or to call-in decisions.

Coordination of the work programme activity is undertaken by the Chair and Deputy Chair of all of the Scrutiny Committees to avoid potential duplication.

In addition to the terms of reference outlined in the [Constitution](#) (Part 2 Article 5) for all Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Education Scrutiny Committee will:

- Scrutinise matters relating to education delivered by the authority and other relevant partners
- Fulfil all the statutory functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to education functions of a Children's Services Authority

The Work Programme will be submitted to and agreed by the Scrutiny Committees at each meeting and will be published with each agenda.

The dates are indicative of when the Education Scrutiny Committee will review the item, however they may need to be rescheduled and new items added as required.

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Topic	Scrutiny Purpose (objectives, initial outcomes)	Scrutiny Method	Lead Officers/ Organisation	Proposed Date(s)	Recommendations	Progress
Meeting						
Maintained Nursery Schools	Financial situation facing nursery school provision	Meeting	Helen Belbin Andrew Good Nursery Headteacher	25 June 2018	The outcome of the nursery task group be reported back to the Committee in November.	Completed
SEN Attainment	Update from the joint meeting around initiatives to support progress	Meeting	Steve Belbin	25 June 2018	Report noted. No further recommendations.	NA
Schools causing concern	Impact on services involved in support schools causing concern	Meeting	Debbie Ormerod Steve Belbin Mel Ormesher Steph Rhodes	10 September 2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formation of a task group looking at school improvement for schools facing challenges. 2. Further consideration be given to potential targeted support from local councillors with officers for under-subscribed schools or where there were signs a school may be having difficulties. 3. An annual report come to the Education Scrutiny Committee on school admissions and schools causing concern. 	<p>Task group first meeting in January.</p> <p>Annual report scheduled for November 2019</p>

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Schools in Financial Difficulty	Funding issues and impact on schools, staffing needs/support systems to share good practice	Meeting	Andrew Good Helen Belbin Steve Belbin	6 December 2018	An update on the figures of schools in financial difficulty including how this has transitioned over time be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.	
The Future of Maintained Nursery Provision	Update following conclusion of task group work	Meeting	Andrew Good Steve Belbin Helen Belbin	6 December 2018	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An all-party Notice of Motion be submitted to February Full Council around the funding formula from Central Government. 2. An update from the working group be presented to the June 2019 meeting. 	<p>Letter sent to Damian Hinds MP 1/3/19</p> <p>Scheduled on work programme</p>
School Governors	Skills, training, financial challenges facing schools, recruitment	Meeting	LASGB Ajay Sethi Margaret Scrivens	6 December 2018	Details of chairs forums be circulated to members along with details of governor vacancies in all districts.	Completed
Lancashire Schools Attainment	Standards of achievement in Lancashire Schools	Meeting	Steve Belbin	6 February 2019	Report noted. No further recommendations.	NA
CLA attainment	Progress of attainment levels for children looked after	Meeting	Audrey Swann	6 February 2018	A Bite Size Briefing be organised once the validated data is made available.	Request sent to Member Development

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School Attendance	Missing from home and education Elective Home Education Transport impact	Meeting	Frances Molloy	26 March 2019	<p>A letter to be drafted by the Chair and the Cabinet Member of Children and Young People be sent to the Secretary of State for Education on the release of the guidance on Elective Home Education.</p> <p>The guidance be reviewed by the Committee.</p> <p>A report be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee on Pupil Referral Units, once the consultation has been completed and before a report on the options is agreed by Cabinet.</p>	
Permanent Exclusions in Lancashire Schools	Review of permanent exclusions in Lancashire	Meeting	Steve Belbin Dr Sally Richardson	26 March 2019	Report noted. No further recommendations.	
Early Years Education	Overview of provision across Lancashire EY funding to 2020 – securing extra funding?	Meeting	TBC	22 July 2019		

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School Finance update	Update from the December meeting Special measures funding impact	Meeting	Andrew Good Steve Belbin	22 July 2019		
Maintained Nursery Provision	Progress update on working group	Meeting	Andrew Good Helen Belbin	22 July 2019		
Inquiry Day						
SEND (joint Education and Children's Services)	Social skills/connections between YOT and teen suicide Transition from primary to high school	Inquiry Day	Dr Sally Richardson	5 June 19		
Bite Size Briefing						
Online Safeguarding	Overview from training provided by LSCB	Bite Size Briefing	LSCB	27 February 2019		Completed
School Admissions	Overview of code and legislation	Bite Size Briefing	Debbie Ormerod	10 September 2018		Completed

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Ofsted report	Overview of report detail	Bite Size Briefing	Amanda Hatton	4 Oct 2018		Completed
Education update	Update on changes to the education landscape	Bite Size Briefing	Steve Belbin	TBC		
New Ofsted Framework		Bite Size Briefing	Steve Belbin	TBC		
CLA Attainment	Validated data including bigger picture commentary inc attendance data, numbers of pupils and school changes	Bite Size Briefing	Audrey Swann	16 April 2019		
Briefing Note						
Pupil tracking	From primary to secondary faith schools	Briefing Note	Steve Belbin	April 2019		
Summer Born Policy	Overview of policy and process in place	Briefing Note	Debbie Ormerod	April 2019		
Rapporteur						
Online Safeguarding	TBC – after BSB date confirmed	Rapporteur	John Withington	TBC		

Additional topics:

- SEND Transport Policy
- Post 16 EET
- School Admissions/Schools Causing Concern update – annual update Nov 19
- Skills agenda – BSB?
- Attainment data KS1 and 2 – November
- Attainment data KS4 and post 16 – Jan/Feb
- EHE guidance
- PRU consultation