

## Lancashire County Council

### Meeting of both the Children's Services Scrutiny and Education Scrutiny Committees

Tuesday, 7th July, 2020 at 10.30 am in Skype Meeting

#### Agenda

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

#### No. Item

**1. Apologies**

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Members are asked to consider any Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests they may have to disclose to the meeting in relation to matters under consideration on the Agenda.

**3. Minutes of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held 26 February 2020** (Pages 1 - 4)

**4. Minutes of the Education Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 3 March 2020** (Pages 5 - 8)

**5. Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Lancashire** (Pages 9 - 10)

**6. Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21** (Pages 11 - 32)

**7. Urgent Business**

An item of urgent business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the Minutes, the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency. Wherever possible, the Chief Executive should be given advance warning of any Member's intention to raise a matter under this heading.

**8. Date of the Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is due to be held at 10.30am on the 2 September 2020.

The next scheduled meeting of the Education Scrutiny Committee is due to be held at 10.30am on the 10 November 2020.

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## Lancashire County Council

### Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th February, 2020 at 10.30 am in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present:**

County Councillor Andrea Kay (Chair)

#### **County Councillors**

N Hennessy	A Gardiner
L Beavers	P V Greenall
I Brown	J Mein
A Cheetham	D T Smith
B Dawson	P Steen
J Eaton	

#### **Co-opted members**

Oliver Moores, Youth Council Representative  
Councillor Christine Melia, Children's Partnership  
Board - Chorley, South Ribble, West Lancs

County Councillor Bernard Dawson replaced County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson for this meeting.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Louise Edge, Children's Partnership Board - Hyndburn, Ribble Valley and Rossendale.

#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were disclosed.

#### **3. Minutes from the meeting held on 15 January 2020**

**Resolved:** That the minutes from the meeting held on the 15 January 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

#### **4. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Redesign in Lancashire and South Cumbria**

The Chair welcomed Sally Nightingale, Steven Tingle and Terry Drake, from the NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit, to the meeting.

The report presented sought to provide the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee with information on the CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) redesign journey in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Members were provided with a presentation on the redesign including the approach, what has been achieved so far and the timeline going forward.

It was reported that currently CAMHS only has half the spend in comparison to adults mental health. However, the CCG's across Lancashire have committed to a 4 year investment profile of £22.9m in 2021 rising to £26.3m in 2024. When questioned on the funding, members were advised that the funding profile would not meet the entire model at this time, and there would be a potential need to look at elements that could be implemented post 2024 unless more funding could be made available.

In response to the questions around how the county council can further support health partners in implementing the CAMHS proposed model of care, it was highlighted that there continued to be a need to look beyond the NHS funding, with more collaborative working between local authorities, health and the third sector. Members were informed that this redesign provided an opportunity to look at what could be achieved collectively to better support prevention services. In addition, it was suggested that the county council could review the high cost services currently in place to support young people at risk to identify ways that funding could be better invested through working collaboratively with health partners.

It was highlighted that one of the biggest priorities for the LEP (Lancashire Enterprise Partnership) related to adult mental health, so there was an opportunity to also look at work being undertaken within the private sector.

A question was raised in relation to the emerging issues faced in primary schools. Members were advised that although there was very good work being undertaken in some schools, there was a need to have a consistent and robust offer across all schools. It was highlighted that every school would have a link into the primary mental health offer. And to further support the offer to schools, mental health first aid training was being provided.

The committee was informed that early intervention (centring on the Primary Mental Health Work offer) would be one of the main priorities to help stem the flow of young people into CAMHS.

Members questioned the risk support area of the proposed model to further understand the provision of support to those children and young people on the edge of services. In addition, how the proposed model of care would ensure that those children and young people would be identified so they do not fall through the gaps. The committee was reassured that joint approaches between CAMHS and relevant partner agencies would be developed to enable the production of robust safety plans. However it was noted that there remains a need to identify a package of care for those children and young people who do not meet the criteria

for a mental health inpatient bed, who are unable to stay in a paediatric ward, but who are still vulnerable and require 'wrap around' support.

Members of the committee thanked all of the officers in attendance for their comprehensive presentation.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The proposed model of care be considered and feedback provided.
- ii. The timescales for final agreement of the fully costed Clinical Model and Transition & Implementation Plan be noted.
- iii. A further review of the Clinical Model and Transition & Implementation Plan be provided at the end of the year.
- iv. Consideration be given by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools to:
  - a. A review of the current county council prevention/early intervention services with a view to supporting more effective, collaborative working with partner agencies.
  - b. A review of the support currently provided across county council services to high risk children and young people, to support the identification of a package of care working with partner agencies, with a view to reducing potential duplication of services and ensuring more effective investment of funding.

## **5. Work Programme 2019/20**

The work programme for the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year was presented.

The topics included were identified at the work planning workshop held on 22 July 2019.

Regarding the topic of Child Poverty there was a request at the last meeting for more background information on Holiday Hunger and Food Banks which is currently being produced. Relating to this topic, it was highlighted that at the External Scrutiny Committee meeting on Tuesday 25 February, there was an interesting discussion on Universal Credit which committee members may find useful. A webcast link for this meeting would be circulated to members.

There was also a request for the next meetings item on Children's Health to include information on the recently published Marmot report.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report presented be noted.
- ii. The webcast link for the External Scrutiny Committee meeting on Universal Credit, held on Tuesday 25 February, be circulated to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

**6. Urgent Business**

There were no items of Urgent Business.

**7. Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee will take place on Tuesday 24 March 2020 at 10:30am in Cabinet Room 'C' (The Duke of Lancaster Room) at the County Hall, Preston.

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# Agenda Item 4

## Lancashire County Council

### Education Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020 at 10.30 am in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

#### Present:

County Councillor Munsif Dad BEM (Chair)

#### County Councillors

J Burrows	E Nash
S Clarke	J Potter
B Dawson	D T Smith
J Eaton	D Stansfield
A Kay	P Steen
J Mein	M Salter

#### Co-opted members

Mrs Janet Hamid, Representing Parent Governors  
(Secondary)  
Simon Smith, Representing RC Schools  
Dr Sam Johnson, Representing CE Schools  
Mr John Withington, Representing Parent Governors  
(Primary)

County Councillor Joan Burrows replaced County Councillor Christian Wakeford for this meeting.

County Councillor Munsif Dad as Deputy Chair of the committee, chaired this meeting in the absence of County Councillor Christian Wakeford.

On behalf of the committee, County Councillor Dad thanked County Councillor Wakeford for his chairmanship of the committee and wished him well in his position as a newly elected Member of Parliament. A new Chair for the committee would be appointed at the Full Council's AGM meeting to be held on 21 July 2020.

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Anne Cheetham.

#### 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

County Councillors Peter Steen, Jennifer Mein and Joan Burrows each declared a non-pecuniary interest as they are school governors.

County Councillor Jennifer Mein further declared a non-pecuniary interest as she is a board member at Preston College.

### **3. Minutes of the meetings held on 30 January 2020 and 5 February 2020**

**Resolved:** The minutes from the meetings held on 30 January 2020 and 5 February 2020 be confirmed and as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

### **4. Early Years Strategy 2020- 2023**

The Chair welcomed Sarah Callaghan, Director of Education and Skills and Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health to the meeting.

The report presented provided an update on the development of Lancashire's Early Years Strategy. In presenting the report, members were provided with a presentation that covered the key priorities and objectives for the Early Years Strategy, including the outcomes of each of these key priorities. A copy of the presentation can be found at Appendix 'C' of the report.

Responding to the report and presentation, the following concerns and key issues were raised by the committee:

Members' raised concerns regarding the pressures being faced by teachers, in teaching and looking after children with complex medical needs. In response, Members' were informed that by focussing on early years this should help reduce the dependency on teachers. This included additional support for Early Years Providers and around language and speech therapies.

Members' were keen to learn more about the current collaboration arrangements utilised by Lancashire County Council and different community groups. It was noted that the county council is currently in the process of setting up a network of different groups, which included schools, nurseries, community groups, health visitors, etc. to ensure support for a child was being given at a local level and in their own community. Members' requested an update on the progress of setting up the networks to come to a future meeting of the committee.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The feedback provided on the report be noted; and
- ii. An update on the progress of the local networks be provided at a future meeting of the Education Scrutiny Committee.

### **5. Developing the Approach and Provision for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**

Sarah Callaghan, Director of Education and Skills presented information setting out the actions being taken to enable the county council to fulfil its responsibilities for ensuring the sufficiency of provision for children and young people with

special educational needs and disabilities over the next five years. It was reported that the actions detailed in the report was consistent with the principles agreed by Cabinet in August 2019. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

In relation to the provision of SEND units attached to mainstream schools, Members' raised concerns about the condition of some of the existing school buildings. Members were informed that schools received a set of criteria as part of the expression of interest process which would help to establish whether the school was fit for purpose.

Members' were advised that the submissions deadline for applications was 20 March 2020 and responses back to the schools chosen was 3 April 2020. Information on the schools chosen would be shared with members at a later date.

Members' expressed concerns about the readiness of staff and ensuring that they have the necessary training and qualifications needed. It was noted that the training being provided for staff was constantly under review to establish the impact and the uptake of the training.

Commenting on the report, Members requested further information on the proposed schools locality network which was aiming to bring education and children services teams together. It was noted that to date, there had been 30 proposed locality networks, and aims for these networks to be established by September 2020. In terms of models being used elsewhere, members were informed about a paper produced by the Isos Partnership from the Local Government Association which is looking at other models, including case studies. A copy of this paper would be circulated around members of the committee.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The feedback on the information presented in the report be noted;
- ii. Information on the schools chosen for attached units be shared with the committee at a later date; and
- iii. The paper produced by the Isos Partnership from the Local Government Association be circulated around the committee.

## **6. Schools Causing Concerns Task and Finish Group Final Report**

The Chair presented the Schools Causing Concerns Task and Finish Group Final Report to the meeting.

The report summarised the findings from the task group work which has sought to further understand what constitutes a school categorised as 'causing concern', the provision to these schools from the county council and the pressures faced by schools.

In presenting the report, the Chair gave his thanks to all members of the task group and to all the officers involved in producing the report.

**Resolved:** That;

- i. The report be noted; and
- ii. The recommendations of the task and finish group, as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report be supported.

## **7. Education Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20**

The work plan for the Education Scrutiny Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year was presented to the Committee. The topics included were identified at the work planning workshop held on 22 July 2019.

It was noted that a work programming session would be arrange for members of the committee shortly after the county councils AGM meeting in May 2020, to look at the work programme for the next municipal year.

The committee requested an update on the School Improvement Model and the Early Years Strategy to be presented to the committee before the end of 2020.

**Resolved:** The report and work plan presented be noted.

## **8. Urgent Business**

There were no items of Urgent Business.

## **9. Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Education Scrutiny Committee is due to be held on 7 July 2020 at 10.30am in Cabinet Room C at County Hall, Preston.

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## Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Committees

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 7 July 2020

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

### Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Lancashire

Contact for further information:

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#### Executive Summary

Members will be provided with a presentation outlining perceptions of the experiences of children and young people, and headlines from the operation of service during the COVID-19 emergency period.

#### Recommendation

Members of both the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Committees are asked to:

- i. Note and discuss the information provided as part of the presentations.
- ii. Consider the key areas for the committees to review going forward.

#### Background and Advice

This scrutiny session for both the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Committees serves to provide an opportunity for scrutiny committee members to review and discuss the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Lancashire to date, and the experiences of children and young people.

Members are asked to discuss the information provided and to consider what issues scrutiny should be looking at, and can make a difference on, going forward as part of the work programmes.

#### Consultations

NA

#### 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/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

NA

## Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Committees

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 7 July 2020

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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### Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21

(Appendices 'A' to 'C' refer)

Contact for further information:

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#### Executive Summary

A single combined work programme for all of the Lancashire County Council scrutiny committees is currently being formulated. A draft copy of the work programme is set out at Appendix 'A'.

The topics included were identified at a work planning workshop for members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee held on 29 May 2020.

#### Recommendation

Members of both Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Committees are asked to:

- i. Suggest any additional topics for potential inclusion on the work programme.
- ii. Delegate to the Scrutiny Officers the development and delivery of this programme, identifying appropriate methods of scrutiny, in consultation with the Chairs.
- iii. Temporarily suspend the current Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committees work programmes (2019/20) and for these to be kept under review.

#### Background and Advice

As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, a decision was taken in March to suspend all council committee meetings including scrutiny until further notice. Following the introduction of new regulations and guidance on remote council meetings in April, it was confirmed that the scrutiny function would resume and that a remote work planning session for scrutiny as a whole be arranged for members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee (as the parent scrutiny committee) to receive an update on the journey so far and plans for recovery.

The Covid 19 pandemic has required members and officers to work differently and the wider context has also meant that priorities have changed or shifted in emphasis. However, scrutiny committees have an important role in reviewing how Lancashire County Council prepared for, and responded to, the Covid 19 pandemic and how the county council aims to recover and assist people and businesses across Lancashire. Therefore a single combined work programme for the foreseeable future and for all scrutiny committees is currently being formulated. A draft copy of the programme is set out at Appendix 'A'.

The work programme is a work in progress document. The topics included were identified at a work planning workshop for members of the Internal Scrutiny Committee held on 29 May 2020 and from discussions with all scrutiny chairs and deputy chairs.

A copy of the work programmes for 2019/20 is set out at Appendices 'B' and 'C'.

### **Methods of Scrutiny**

There are several ways to investigate a topic, which include a variety of different approaches which include:

- Items to committee
- Select committee style scrutiny
- Enquiry Days
- Joint / partnership scrutiny
- Task and finish groups
- Rapporteur

However, it is important to bear in mind that regardless of the chosen method that is used for scrutiny, with a reduction in officer support to provide information, there will be a need for scrutiny members to be more proactive in gathering and using evidence.

### **Gathering Evidence**

The Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny Committees in Local and Combined Authorities states that "Effective planning does not necessarily involve a large number of pre-meetings, the development of complex scopes or the drafting of questioning plans. It is more often about setting overall objectives and then considering what type of questions (and the way in which they are asked) can best elicit the information the committee is seeking".

This way of questioning can assist members with gathering evidence and can be used in a select committee style of scrutiny.

Other options for gathering evidence include:

- Holding focus groups or workshops or survey users of a service or people affected by a particular issue.

- Chairing discussions amongst experts – a “roundtable” exercise, bringing together local experts, this can be an action-focused way of gathering evidence;
- In-depth review of written evidence and information – this may come from a variety of different sources, which should have been identified through the scoping exercise.

Further to this, another option afforded to scrutiny is to provide a 'watching brief' on a particular subject area.

### **The Voice of the Public**

Listening to and giving voice to the public is central to scrutiny’s effectiveness.

Members of the public can bring a different perspective to any topic by speaking about their personal experiences in a way that is self-aware and reflective.

Committee members may wish to consider how the voice of the public could be included in identified topic areas to draw insights from community experiences as part of the scrutiny function going forward.

### **Considerations for Scrutiny Topics**

Having a positive vision of what scrutiny might achieve may help to understand how it could work differently. Agreeing topics for inclusion in the work programme is about focusing and directing limited resources to maximise scrutiny’s effectiveness:

- National issues will inevitably be subject to enquiries / scrutiny at a national level. ***Consider what you can influence locally.***
- Health, social care and education teams have limited resources to support O&S and non-critical work. ***How can scrutiny support those services without unnecessary extra burdens?***
- Decisions have been made in partnership through the LRF. ***How can you best look at partnership working?***
- Decisions and activities were taken to deal with an unprecedented situation. ***What general lessons can be learned from unique circumstances?***
- Recovery will not be “back to normal”. ***Can scrutiny shape the future of the county council / Lancashire?***

In addition to this, and as a tool to narrow the focus further, the following questions could be applied:

- How can scrutiny add value?
- What will have the biggest impact?
- What is the overall aim?

### **Consultations**

NA

**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**

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

NA

## Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020-2021

Month	Children's Services	Education	External	Health	Internal
<b>June</b>				1. Update from the ICS on NHS Cells for Lancashire and digital and engagement with local people. 2. Temporary changes to clinical services across the ICS during the COVID-19 pandemic	
<b>July</b>	Joint committee meeting on the impact of Covid 19 on children and young people in Lancashire - lessons learnt and recovery		Flooding		1. RIPA annual report 2. The impact of Covid 19 on county council services Highways – challenges faced following pandemic and resuming 'normal' work programmes
<b>September</b>	Protecting vulnerable/valuable children through the pandemic and lessons learnt			Supporting the social care sector including domiciliary care workers	Covid 19 – what comes next? Including building pan-Lancashire working and Democratic involvement in resilience forums and maintaining democratic leadership during a crisis
<b>October</b>	Impact of the pandemic on child poverty and plans in place around recovery		1. LEP – response to the pandemic – economic recovery plan incorporating 'green' principles 2. Impact of pandemic on road safety and lessons learnt		

<b>November</b>		Impact on education and an update on return to schools			Scrutiny of the Council's response to the Government's call for local councils to invest in street safety
<b>December</b>	Impact of the pandemic on children and young people's mental health – plans in place to support and an update on CAMHS				
<b>Topics carried over from previous work programmes not yet scheduled</b>	Participation strategy update 0-19 Healthy Child programme Road safety Independent children's homes Family safeguarding model Getting to Good plan update	SEND inspection outcome NEET Child poverty – pupil premium and effects on education Lancashire Breaktime SEN equipment in schools School transport Maintained nurseries update Parking at schools EY strategy and school improvement model update	Lancashire energy strategy Review of Community Safety Partnerships and governance arrangements Greater Lancashire plan LCC Carbon Plan/Internal Energy and Water Management Policy Universal credit	Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018-2025 Urgent Mental Health Pathway Transforming Care (Calderstones) Social Prescribing Cessation of the Lancashire Wellbeing Service Tackling period poverty Delayed transfers of care Stroke Programme Vascular, head and neck Suicide prevention in Lancs Review of Primary Care Networks and Neighbourhoods Transforming hospital services and care for people in Southport, Formby & West Lancs Disabled Facilities Grants	Local Government Funding and Income Generation Task Group Update on Reducing Single Use Plastics in Lancashire

## Education Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20

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.

Topic	Scrutiny Purpose	Lead Officers/ Organisation	Proposed Date(s)	Recommendations	Progress
Schools Finance	To receive an update on the schools financial position	Andrew Good	22 July 2019	Noted	NA
Early Education	Overview of service provision and current challenges	Paul Duckworth Mel Foster Kate Dewhurst	22 July 2019	All county councillors be provided with details on the local offer of early year's places for all districts including service planning areas to support the service and parents in the consideration of early year's providers where there is capacity.	
Maintained Nurseries	Update on financial position and the working group	Andrew Good Paul Foster Mel Foster Kate Dewhurst	22 July 2019	Noted	NA
Task group update	Progress on recommendations from Pupils at Special School with Medical Conditions task group	Head of Policy, Information and Commissioning	29 October 2019	The committee be provided with the names of the schools in the Lancashire area to encourage responses to the data gathering exercise questionnaire	Received – only 2 SEMH schools in Lancs where SS nursing services is not provided, therefore response not required.
SEND	Self-assessment ahead of SEND inspection. Focus on inspection preparation	Head of Inclusion	29 October 2019	Noted	

Lancashire Schools - attainment data	Attainment outcomes report	Director of Education and Skills Head of Education, Quality and Performance	5 February 2020	An update on the progress of the improvement model be provided at a future meeting of the Education Scrutiny Committee.	TBA
Schools Causing Concern task group	Final draft report	Chair of task group	3 March 2020	Agreed with a response to be provided within 2 months	TBA
SEND Provision Development	Progress update on the implementation of principles following August Cabinet report	Head of Inclusion	3 March 2020	Noted	
Early Years Strategy	Update on strategy progress with health	Director of Education and Skills and Director of Public Health	3 March 2020	Noted with an update to be provided on the locality networks	TBA
SEND Inspection	Outcome of local area inspection	Head of Inclusion Director of Education and Skills	TBC – July 2020?		
NEET (not in education, employment or training)	Update on progress to reduce numbers of NEET in Lancashire. To include how child poverty impacts on numbers of NEET and how this is addressed	Director of Education and Skills 16-19 Skills Lead	TBC		

Lancashire Breaktime	Proposal for future delivery following review agreed at August Cabinet	Head of Inclusion	TBC		
<b>Briefing Notes</b>					
Transitions	Have we got it right? – Work undertaken by steering group? Include children's to adults services and special schools to further education	Transitions steering group - TBC			
Exclusions	Progress on the strategies to support reduction	Head of Education, Quality and Performance			
Outdoor Education Provision	Physical education in schools – grant funding to support PE and sport activities – outcomes and impact	Scrutiny Officer/finance	Feb 2020		
Elective Home Education guidance	Policy updates following release of EHE guidance in April 2019. To include: Data on numbers children withdrawn from school How does neglect strategy feed into EHE service provision	Head of Education, Quality and Performance			
Schools causing concern	Annual update	Head of Financial Management (Development and Schools)			

Information Sessions (BSBs)					
School admissions	Locality information sessions on school admissions, place planning process, support and standards	TBC	TBC		

**Other potential topics:**

Schools transport – SEND transport policy, SEND transport arrangements, PRU consultation outcome

SEN equipment in schools – review of 'fit for purpose' equipment in schools

Child poverty - effects on education and how pupil premium is making a difference. To include armed forces families mentor funding

Parking at schools

Maintained nurseries (following Cabinet report in January)

Early Help inspection outcome

School Improvement Model (due to be in place by September 2020) and Early Years Strategy– potential scrutiny review at year end

## Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20

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

- Scrutinise matters relating to services for Children and Young People delivered by the authority and other relevant partners
- Review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area and make reports and recommendations to NHS bodies as appropriate
- Invite interested parties when reviewing any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in the area, to comment on the matter and take account of relevant information available, particularly that provided by the Local Healthwatch
- Review and scrutinise any local services planned or provided by other agencies which contribute towards the health improvement and the reduction of health inequalities in Lancashire and to make recommendations to those agencies, as appropriate
- Take steps to reach agreement with NHS body, in the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes
- Refer a matter to the relevant Secretary of State in the case of contested NHS proposals for substantial service changes where agreement cannot be reached with the NHS
- Refer to the relevant Secretary of State any NHS proposal which the Committee feels has been the subject of inadequate consultation

- Scrutinise the social care services provided or commissioned by NHS bodies exercising local authority functions under Section 31 of the Health Act 1999
- Draw up a forward programme of health scrutiny in consultation with other local authorities, NHS partners, the Local Healthwatch and other key stakeholders
- Acknowledge within 20 working days to referrals on relevant matters from the Local Healthwatch or Local Healthwatch contractor, and to keep the referrer informed of any action taken in relation to the matter
- Require the Chief Executives of local NHS bodies to attend before the Committee to answer questions, and to invite the chairs and non-executive directors of local NHS bodies to appear before the Committee to give evidence
- Invite any officer of any NHS body to attend before the Committee to answer questions or give evidence

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

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Topic	Purpose	Lead Officers/ Organisation	Proposed Date(s)	Recommendations	Progress
<b>Committee Meetings</b>					
Lancashire SEND Partnership Improvement Plan	Progress update on the Improvement Programme and Plan as requested at the meeting of the committee on 13 May 2019	Sally Richardson Samantha Jones (LPCF) Hilary Fordham (Health) Ajay Sethi	3 July 2019	An update to be provided on the speech and language services, the progress of actions delayed and progress of the 12 areas set out in the WSoA	To be reported to Education Scrutiny Committee at 29 Oct 2019 meeting
Children and Families Partnership Arrangements	Progress update on the review of current partnership arrangements	Dave Carr Rob Dobson (Burnley BC)	3 July 2019	Noted	NA
Youth Offending Team (YOT)	Inspection outcomes and action plan	Head of Fostering, Adoption, Residential and YOT	9 Oct 2019	A briefing note be provided to committee members in March 2020 on the post inspection action plan progress.	Added to work programme

Participation Strategy	Enhancing participation practice – new draft strategic framework	Strategy Lead for Participation Youth Council representative Head of Policy, Information and Commissioning (Start Well)	9 Oct 2019	<p>Details of the network of participation champions when identified be circulated to all councillors to assist with supporting a 'culture of participation'.</p> <p>A progress report be provided to a future meeting of the committee.</p> <p>Information on the questionnaire to schools be circulated to committee members to support generating responses.</p>	<p>Awaiting details</p> <p>Added to WP</p> <p>Circulated to members 6/3/2020</p>
Child Poverty	Holiday hunger and food banks Poverty and knife crime Impact of Universal Credit Housing and housing conditions	Director of Children's Social Care Partners TBC Business Intelligence	15 Jan 2020	A briefing note on Holiday Hunger and Food Banks be circulated to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.	Circulated to members 17/3/19
Permanence	Overview of Permanence and the new Permanence plan	Director of Children's Social Care Head of Children's Social Care	15 Jan 2020	The evidence of improvements included in the 'Getting to Good Plan' be presented to the committee in six months' time	To be added to new WP

Neglect Strategy	Update on implementation of strategy and partnership working	Director of Children's Social Care	15 Jan 2020	A request be made to Education Scrutiny Committee to include the Neglect Strategy as part of any discussions around Elective Home Education.	Included on ESC work programme
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CAMHS	Update on progress of service redesign programme for Lancashire and South Cumbria	Sally Nightingale Head of Policy, Information and Commissioning (Start Well)	26 Feb 2020	<p>A further review of the Clinical Model and Transition &amp; Implementation Plan be provided at the end of the year.</p> <p>Consideration be given by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools to:</p> <p>A review of the current county council prevention/early intervention services with a view to supporting more effective, collaborative working with partner agencies.</p> <p>A review of the support currently provided across county council services to high risk children and young people, to support the identification of a package of care working with partner agencies, with a view to reducing potential duplication of services and ensuring more effective investment of funding.</p>	<p>To be added to new WP</p> <p>Request sent for a response from the Cabinet Member</p>
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Children's Health	Update on current data/trends on children's health	Head of Health, Equity, Welfare and Partnerships Interim Public Health Consultant	24 March 2020		
Area Safeguarding Arrangements	Future focus and plans	Director of Children's Social Care	23 Apr 2020		
Adoption Service	Review of new Regional Adoption Agency – update on implementation plan for new Pan Lancashire arrangements	Head of Fostering, Adoption, Residential and YOT	23 Apr 2020		
Looked After Children	Update on Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) service annual report priority to improve the quality of IRO challenge in respect of quality of care plans and drift and delay with a focus on improving outcomes for the child. Ensuring that challenge is evident and effective	Head of Safeguarding, Inspection and Audit	23 Apr 2020		
Participation Strategy	Update on progress of the strategy implementation	Strategy Lead for Participation Head of Policy, Information and Commissioning (Start Well)	TBC		
0-19 Healthy Child Programme	Virgin Care contract review of service provision	Health	TBC		

Briefing Notes					
Road Safety	Update on Lancashire road safety data following release of national data	TBC			
Domestic Abuse	Update following conclusion of the cabinet working group	TBC			
Suicide Prevention	Data update at district level and bereavement support work undertaken. Links to child poverty, safeguarding and social media for school age children	Head of Health, Equity, Welfare and Partnerships			
Independent Visitors	Update on recruitment and strategy to increase diversity	TBC			
YOT	Action plan progress post inspection	Barbara Bath	April 2020		
Child Poverty	Information on holiday hunger and food banks – where is provision – what are districts doing?	Scrutiny Officer	March 2020		
Proposed Information Sessions (BSB's)					
Inspection outcomes	Inspection outcomes across children's services	Director of Children's Social Care	TBC		
Reports for Review					
LSCB Annual Report					

IRO Annual Report					
LGO Annual Complaints Review					
Lancashire Getting to Good Plan					
<p><b>Potential topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road safety</li> <li>• Independent children's homes</li> <li>• Peer review outcomes</li> <li>• Family Safeguarding Model – end 2020/early 2021</li> <li>• Child poverty – money management and support from agencies</li> <li>• Getting to Good plan update – Sept 2020</li> <li>• CAMHS Implementation Plan – end 2020</li> </ul>					

