

Lancashire County Council

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 10.30am in Committee Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Agenda

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 Meeting Held on Tuesday 22 February 2022** (Pages 1 - 4)

4. **Shaping Care Together Programme Engagement Update** (Pages 5 - 18)

5. **Road Safety: Rapporteur Progress Update** (Verbal Report)

6. **Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22** (Pages 19 - 26)

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 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee will be held on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 10.30am in Committee Room C – The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston.

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Director of Corporate Services

Lancashire County Council

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 10.30am in Committee Room 'A' - The Tudor Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Andrea Kay (Chair)

County Councillors

J Berry	N Khan
S Barnes	J Mein
A Cheetham	J Purcell
A Gardiner	M Salter
S Hind	A Sutcliffe
T Hurn	R Swarbrick
S Jones	R Woollam

Co-opted members

County Councillor Andrew Gardiner replaced County Councillor Barrie Yates and County Councillor Jenny Purcell replaced County Councillor Stephen Clarke for this meeting only.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr John Withington.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

County Councillors Cheetham, Khan, Malik, and Mein declared non-pecuniary interests in item 4, as they were governors of schools in Lancashire.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record.

4. Lancashire Schools - Attainment Priorities Overview

The committee received a presentation and a report from Delyth Mathieson, Head of Service Education Improvement and Kevin Smith, Head of Service Schools Finance, which provided an overview of the context of education provision and the COVID-19 pandemic, the steps taken to improve outcomes

across Lancashire, proposed strategies to improve outcomes including COVID catch up, Ofsted inspection outcomes in Lancashire schools and settings since the start of the 2021-22 school year, and an overview of attainment and progress.

Comments and queries from the committee were as follows:

- It was noted that all Lancashire schools had received funding. They were looking at how to use the funding and how to evidence how it was used.
- With regards to the catch-up funding, members were informed that schools were required to keep evidence for match-funding, but it was not known exactly what evidence was needed. It was felt that the lack of clarity would impact on full utilisation of the grant. Officers were in the process of resolving these concerns but could not provide a definitive answer as the Department for Education (DfE) had not provided the set criteria on evidence collation.
- It was explained that large-scale schools have more experience at match-funding and required less support. Smaller schools required support from Lancashire County Council's finance or education teams. The county council embraced the diversity in each school across Lancashire and recognised that a 'one size fits all' approach was not appropriate.
- It was highlighted that schools collaborated on ideas and shared best working practice through the Lancashire Schools Forum. Best practice methods were also shared by the county council's education officers through the school's portal and a weekly bulletin.
- Lancashire County Council worked with other north-west authorities, as it was national funding and a national issue. Officers and schools were in regular contact with the DfE, and schools were encouraged to feed directly into the DfE. Officers worked closely with head teacher representative groups and from this, strong feedback was given during calls with the DfE of good engagement.
- It was clarified that the Lancashire Education Partnership Board was a group of head teacher and health representatives, along with various other services from Lancashire which worked in a multi-agency way. The five locality groups were in the process of being established and included constituents and officers to address local challenges. Information would be circulated to the committee.
- A request was made for officers to share regular updates with members regarding which and how schools were progressing spending the funding, to reduce the risk of any un-used money being taken back by the government.
- The National Tutoring Programme was most accessed in areas of deprivation. Of the 75 schools accessing the subsidised EAL tuition, in 70% there was higher than average number of pupils claiming Pupil Premium. All the pupils undergoing the tuition had English as an additional language. The programme continued in 2021-22 and the pupil's progress was tracked by a nationally recognised EAL assessment framework.

Additional support was put in place in terms of the East Lancashire Learning and Information Exchange, to support school readiness for children and families new to the United Kingdom and English schools.

- Members were informed that it was deemed too soon to identify a COVID catch-up timeframe. There were a number of positives from the pandemic within schools, such as ICT capabilities improved. The impact of different ways of working for the children and young people would be measured by education officers over the coming years.
- Officers suggested that for members who wanted more information about the change to the Ofsted framework and how Ofsted work, there would be a bitesize briefing set up to allow for the appropriate amount of time needed to go into detail.
- Overall numbers of education settings in Lancashire in the 'Good' or 'Outstanding' categories were not available as it was explained that these changed daily as inspections happened and reports were published. Although, members were assured this was the vast majority of schools and there were only a small number which did not achieve 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. Officers were working with these schools to improve.
- It was reported that a decline in Ofsted rating was not directly attributable to COVID-19. There were many reasons why a school during an inspection would achieve a lower rating than previous.
- It was noted that Ofsted provide schools with one day's notice before an inspection.
- Members expressed concern about Early Years settings and school readiness. Officers explained that this was being picked up through locality groups. They were working proactively with social care and health colleagues to promote uptake and ensure that children were accessing the 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Early Years settings.
- The committee asked for the figures instead of percentages of Children Looked After accessing Employment, Education and Training (EET). Of the 1% of care leavers which were not in EET, and it was not known where they were, it was explained that this was often because they had moved out of the area.

Members thanked Delyth and Kevin for the presentation.

Actions:

- The composition of the five locality groups be circulated to the committee once established.
- The figures of Children Looked After not in EET be shared with the committee.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee considered the information as presented.

- ii. The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills give consideration to write to the school clusters with a view to highlighting the support available to schools in relation to the COVID Catch Up Funding.
- iii. A bitesize briefing be held regarding Ofsted inspection changes.

5. Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22

The committee considered a report which provided information on the work programme for the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee.

The topics included in the work programme were identified at the work planning workshop held on 5 July 2021 and at subsequent scrutiny committee meetings.

It was noted: That;

- Andy Pratt, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner be invited to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on 16 March 2022, as part of the Road Safety rapporteur's presentation.
- Members requested for 'Child Poverty' to be moved from the additional topics on to the work programme.

Resolved: That the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 be noted.

6. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted the next meeting of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee would take place on Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 10:30am in Committee Room 'C' – The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston.

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Agenda Item 4

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 March 2022

Electoral Division affected:
Burscough & Rufford;
Ormskirk;
Skelmersdale Central;
Skelmersdale East;
Skelmersdale West;
West Lancashire East;
West Lancashire North;
West Lancashire West;

Shaping Care Together Programme – Engagement Update
(Appendix 'A' refers)

Contact for further information:

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Brief Summary

Shaping Care Together (SCT) is run by NHS leaders across West Lancashire, Formby, and Southport, which seeks to 'futureproof' the NHS by looking at new ways of working and new ways of delivering services.

Recommendation

The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and discuss the progress of Shaping Care Together engagement with public and staff over the previous year.

Detail

Since the beginning of January 2021, SCT has been listening to the thoughts, opinions, and ideas from residents, patients, staff, and stakeholders. So far, SCT has received more than 2,500 responses through an online questionnaire and hard copy feedback forms, we have run a series of online and face-to-face in-depth discussion groups with local community organisations and delivered electronic newsletters and information videos about the programme. Some of the main themes emerging from the engagement so far include:

- Concerns around the accessibility of primary care services

- A need to focus more on preventative measures and use community services better to help patients before they present to hospital
- Some issues around public transport in certain areas
- Staffing levels and the recruitment and retention of key staff needs to be improved
- A need to improve patient journeys and support patients to better navigate their own care

All of the responses received so far are collected and analysed and have helped feed into the programme in a number of ways, most importantly the development of the future Models of Care.

Over the coming days, Shaping Care Together will publish ‘*Our Challenges and Opportunities*’, a discussion document that draws on the issues raised so far in the engagement programme, and the opportunities that exist to create a better future for local health and care. Following this, there will be a series of public and staff engagement workshops alongside 1-2-1 sessions with Members of Parliament and wider council member briefings.

There is still time to contribute views by completing a survey from the dedicated website www.yoursayshapingcaretogether.co.uk, where you will also find more information about the programme along with a short, animated video.

Consultations

N/A

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
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		



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Shaping Care Together

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Shaping Care Together...

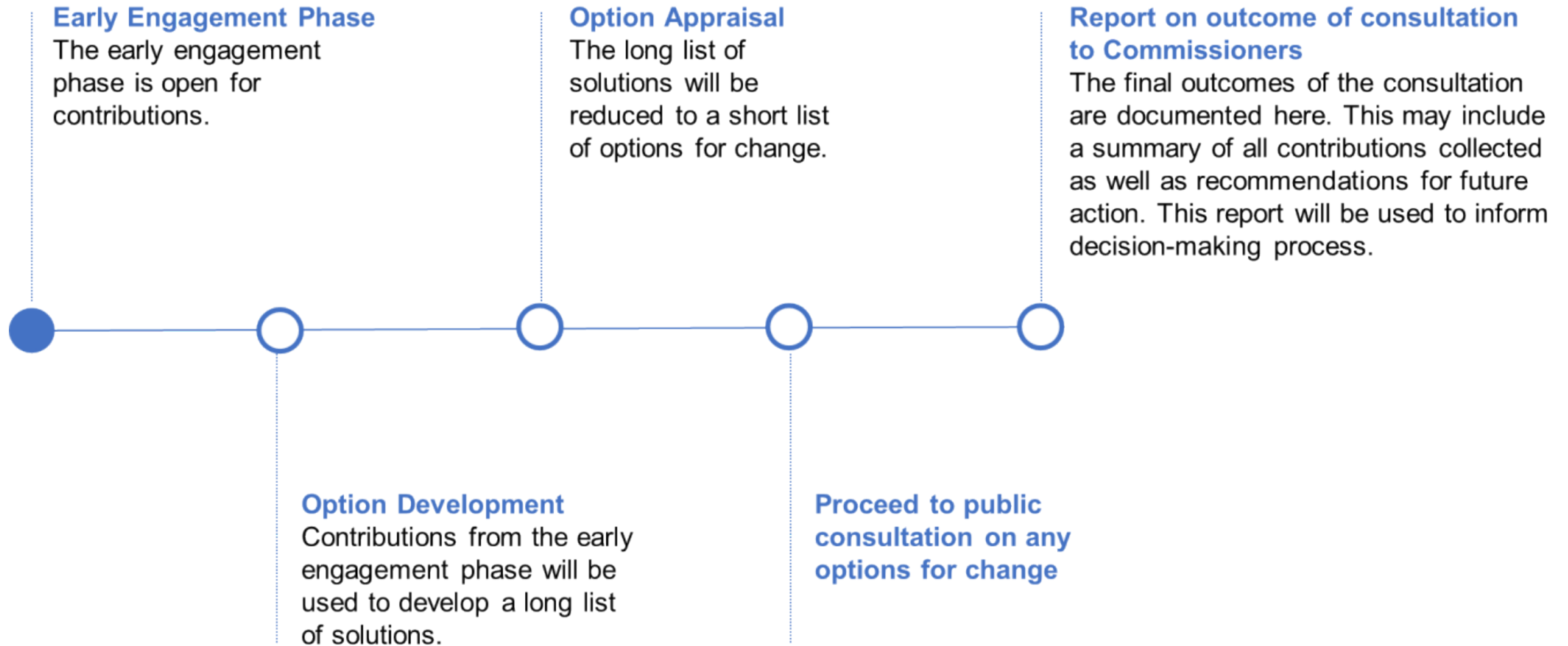


Engagement and consultation...

“It is critical that patients and the public are involved throughout the development, planning and decision-making of proposals for service reconfiguration. Early involvement with the diverse communities, local Healthwatch organisations, and the local voluntary sector is essential... Early involvement will give early warning of issues likely to raise concerns in local communities and gives commissioners’ time to work on the best solutions to meet those needs.”

NHS England

Timeline of activity...



Headline engagement to date...

- More than 2,100 questionnaire responses completed
- More than 15K engagement site visits
- Roughly 300 staff completed the questionnaire
- At least 1,800 patients and stakeholders completed the questionnaire
- Almost 500 responses from SCT 'postcards'
- Regular stakeholder e-Newsletter distributed



Headline engagement to date...

- Equalities Impact Assessment in progress
- Travel and Transport Advisory Group established
- Engagement Process Advisory Group established
- In-depth patient and stakeholder focus groups delivered (29 held since January 2021)
- Roughly 40% want to hear more information when published



Headline themes to date...

- 70% favour telephone or video appointments
- Top two priorities:
 - ***Shorter waiting times for outpatient appointments***
 - ***Having the best possible care, even if that means travelling further***
- 85% favour specialist centre treatment for complex healthcare
- At least 94% generally agree that healthcare should be ***“local where possible and specialist where necessary”***

Headline themes to date...

- There are some concerns around the accessibility of primary care services.
- We need to focus more on preventative measures and use community services better to help patients before they present to hospital.
- There are some issues around public transport in certain areas.
- Staffing levels, recruitment and retention of key staff needs to be improved.
- We need to improve patient journeys and support patients to better navigate their own care.

Headline themes to date...

Good...

- Prompt appointments for planned procedures
- Caring and compassionate staff towards children in particular
- Joined up services between both sites
- A&E at Southport

Less good...

- Lack of children's A&E at Southport Hospital
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Public transport links – particularly between the two hospitals
- Care in the community
- Limited Children's Community Nursing Outreach programme

Next steps...

- Challenges and Opportunities (C&O) Paper to be published
- More survey responses
- More in-depth discussion groups
- Developing new Models of Care
- Options Development & Appraisal Process to be undertaken
- Comprehensive Engagement Report to be produced and feed into Pre-Consultation Business Case



Agenda Item 6

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 March 2022

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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Corporate Priorities: N/A

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The draft work programme for the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix 'A'.

The topics included in the work programme were identified at the work planning workshop held on 5 July 2021 and subsequent scrutiny committee meetings.

Recommendation

The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to discuss and agree the work programme as set out in Appendix 'A'.

Detail

A draft statement of the work to be undertaken by the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year is set out at Appendix 'A'.

The work programme will be presented to each meeting for consideration by the committee.

Members are requested to discuss and agree the current work programme.

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
NA		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
NA		

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2021-22

The Education and Children's Services 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 council's 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 and Children's Services 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
- 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.

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

Topic	Scrutiny Purpose	Lead Officers/organisations	Proposed Meeting Date
School Place Planning	'How to' guide on school place planning ahead of the updated School Place Provision Strategy 2021-2026 release	Director of Strategy and Performance/Head of Asset Management/Admissions Manager	1 September 2021
Maintained Nurseries	Update on the local authority's engagement with maintained nurseries	Acting Director of Education, Culture and Skills/Interim Head of Early Years	5 October 2021
School Place Provision Strategy 2022-25	Review of the draft School Place Provision Strategy 2022-25 prior to Executive decision taken	Director of Strategy and Performance/Head of Asset Management	9 November 2021
Lancashire Education Strategy 2022-25	Review of strategy prior to Executive decision taken	Head of Service Education Improvement 0-11	9 November 2021
Children and Young People's Mental Health	Post Covid impact and progress update on CAMHS redesign	Director of Policy, Commissioning and Children's Health/NHS/Youth Council reps/School reps	7 December 2021
Children Looked After	Housing, EET, services/schools' transitions	Director of Children's Services/Head of Service Looked After Children Leaving Care	18 January 2022
Children's Health	Update on children's health in Lancashire post covid	Public Health Consultant	18 January 2022
Lancashire Schools Attainment Outcomes	Annual report on attainment outcomes in schools across Lancashire. To include impact of the catch up funding on attainment.	Acting Director of Education, Culture and Skills/Head of Service Education Improvement 0-11/Finance	22 February 2022
Road Safety	Update on progress from Cllrs on the 'rapporteur' exercise to review data on children seriously injured and killed on Lancashire's roads	CC's Julia Berry, Ron Woollam and Rupert Swarbrick	16 March 2022
Shaping Care Together	Update from NHS colleagues	NHS – Matt Blakemore and Jackie Moran	16 March 2022

Topic	Scrutiny Purpose	Lead Officers/organisations	Proposed Meeting Date
School Transport/Road Safety	TBC	Deputy PCC Andy Pratt (TBC) Other TBC	20 April 2022
Children's Health	Update from Cllrs on 'rapporteur' exercises to review: Dental health Healthy Eating	CC's Cheetham and Jones CC's Hind and Sutcliffe	20 April 2022
Employment, Education or Training (EET)	Review of apprenticeships data, work based training, district data link, accessibility Review of measures in place and lessons learned - data trends, CLA, young carers, alternative provision colleges	Lancashire Enterprise Partnership District Council leads Director of Education, Culture and Skills Alternative Provision	17 May 2022

Priority areas for 2022-23:

- Child poverty
- SEND – covid recovery/catch up funding
- Children and young people's mental health – recommendations update from Dec 21 meeting

Additional topics identified:

- Provision in Lancashire schools for bilingual children
- PHSE and life planning in schools
- Maintained nurseries update to Cabinet

Task Group recommendation updates:

- Schools Causing Concern
- Pupils in special schools with medical conditions

Available bite size briefing recordings for councillors:

Subject	Delivered by	Date of session/recording
Responsibilities of the county council and school governing bodies for schools	Sarah Callaghan	21 September 2021 View and Review (lancscc.net)
SEND sufficiency	Sally Richardson	21 September 2021 View and Review (lancscc.net)
School Place Planning	Mel Ormesher	13 October 2021 View and Review (lancscc.net)
SEND Overview and APP Update	Sally Richardson	24 November 2021 View and Review (lancscc.net)
Early Years	Andrew Cadman	6 December 2021 View and Review (lancscc.net)
Children's Permanence Service	Brendan Lee	26 January 2022 View and Review (lancscc.net)
Family Safeguarding	Mandy Williams	2 February 2022 View and Review (lancscc.net)

Available vodcasts: [Councillors Learning Quarter - Education and Childrens Services \(lancscc.net\)](#)

Early Help

Fostering

Adoption Services

SCAYT (Supporting Children and Young People Together)

Residential Children's Homes

Upcoming bite size briefings for councillors:

Alternative Provision

11 May 2022

School Places Dashboard

11 May 2022

Mental Health Services for Children and Young People

24 May 2022

Elective Home Education

TBC

Road Safety

TBC

