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](http://mgintranet/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=914&MId=2916&Ver=4&info=1&bcr=1) (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**  **(objectives, initial outcomes)** | **Scrutiny Method** | **Lead Officers/**  **Organisation** | **Proposed**  **Date(s)** | **Recommendations** | **Progress** |
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| 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 | 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. | Task group first meeting in January.  Annual report scheduled for November 2019 |
| 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 | 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. | Letter sent to Damian Hinds MP 1/3/19  Scheduled on work programme |
| 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 |
| School Attendance | Missing from home and education  Elective Home Education  Transport impact | Meeting | Frances Molloy | 26 March 2019 | 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.  The guidance be reviewed by the Committee.  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. |  |
| 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 |  |  |
| 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 |
| 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