

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2 September 2020

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Schools Causing Concern Task Group - Response to Recommendations

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

In March 2020, the Education Scrutiny Committee published a task and finish group report on 'Schools Causing Concern' (attached at Appendix 'B').

In accordance with agreed protocols, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools has been asked to provide a response to the recommendations included as part of the task and finish group's report. This is set out at Appendix 'A'.

Recommendation

The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive and comment on the response to the task and finish group report from the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools.

Background and Advice

At the Education Scrutiny Committee held on 10 September 2018, members were provided with a detailed report and presentation on the journey of schools causing concern and the impact on services.

The Committee felt that given the volume and broad range of information provided at this meeting, it would be more beneficial to further explore the impact of schools in difficulty/causing concern on families and services in Lancashire as part of a task and finish group to allow for a more comprehensive study.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the Cabinet for Children, Young People and Schools has provided a response which is set out at Appendix 'A'.

Members of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee are asked to receive and comment on the response provided.

Consultations

NA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications. The task and finish group's report reflected the views and recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny. It did not necessarily reflect the views of the county council. In many cases, suggestions were made for further consideration to be given to issues, and this may need to include an appropriate assessment of the legal and financial risks and implications.

The response from the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools does not necessarily equate to an assessment of the legal and financial risks and implications at this stage, merely that a commitment will or won't be pursued by them in relation to each recommendation.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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