

## **Meeting of the Full Council - 16 December 2021**

### **Report on the Education and Children's Services Committee meetings held on 5 October 2021 and 9 November 2021**

**Chair: County Councillor Andrea Kay**

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[Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee](#)

#### **5 October 2021**

##### **Maintained Nursery School Consultation Update**

The committee considered a report and a presentation, delivered by Andrew Cadman, Interim Head of Early Years, and Julie Bell, Director of Education, Culture and Skills, on maintained nursery schools in Lancashire and the Maintained Nursery School Consultation Update.

**Resolved:** That

- i) Information provided in the report and presentation be noted;
- ii) Future reports to Cabinet on the delivery of maintained nursery provision be included on the work programme; and
- iii) Inclusion of future consultations on funding in the Early Years Sector on the work programme be agreed.

#### **9 November 2021**

##### **Draft Education Strategy 2022-2025**

The committee considered a report, presented by Delyth Mathieson, Head of Service Education Improvement, on the draft Lancashire Education Strategy 2022-25 which set out the county council's priorities for education for the next three years.

**Resolved:** That

- i) The draft strategy be considered, and priorities supported; and
- ii) The request for an annual reporting cycle through the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee be supported.

##### **Draft School Place Planning Strategy 2022-25**

The committee considered a report, presented by Mel Ormesher, Head of Service Asset Management, which set out the School Place Planning Strategy 2022-25. The

report explained that the county council had a range of statutory duties to fulfil, as an education authority for Lancashire, and that the strategy aimed to provide the right number of school places, in the rights areas, and at the right time.

**Resolved:** That

- i) The report presented be considered and noted; and
- ii) Information on Geographical Priority Areas be presented annually and data made available on school place assessments twice a year.