

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
School Travel (TBC)	Review of current travel schemes and potential initiatives (walking school buses, mums for lungs, school streets, shared rides, community bus schemes, road safety, update on the SEND home to school transport policy review	TBC	16 March 2022

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	Air pollution, bus service redesign, new homes – joint session with other scrutiny committees TBC		
Employment, Education or Training (EET)	Review of measures in place and lessons learned - data trends, CLA, young carers, alternative provision colleges	Director of Education, Culture and Skills Alternative Provision	20 April 2022
EET (ctd)	Review of apprenticeships data, work based training, district data link, accessibility	Lancashire Enterprise Partnership District Council leads	17 May 2022

Bite size briefings for councillors:

Subject	Delivered by	Date of session/recording
Responsibilities of the county council and school governing bodies for schools	Sarah Callaghan	21 September View and Review (lancscc.net)
SEND sufficiency	Sally Richardson	21 September View and Review (lancscc.net)
School Place Planning	Mel Ormesher	13 October View and Review (lancscc.net)
SEND Overview and APP Update	Sally Richardson	24 November 10am View and Review (lancscc.net)
Early Years	Andrew Cadman	6 December 11.15am View and Review (lancscc.net)
Children's Performance Service	Brendan Lee	26 January 2pm
Alternative School Provision	Sally Richardson	2 February 2022, 10am

Additional topics identified:

- SEND – COVID recovery, in-house ed psych and assessors vs costs to external agencies, auditory and sensory disorder, costs, short breaks
- Cabinet work on low carbonisation – education/waste renewables
- Provision in Lancashire schools for bilingual children
- PHSE and life planning in schools
- Maintained nurseries update to Cabinet
- Child poverty
- Children and young people's mental health update – impact and outcomes from information presented at Dec meeting
- Potential inquiry day on children and young people's mental health – recommendation from Dec meeting

Task Group recommendation updates:

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