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](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 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** |
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| 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 |
| 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:**

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| **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)](http://intranet.ad.lancscc.net/teams/cfirst/member-development/view-and-review/) |
| SEND sufficiency | Sally Richardson | 21 September 2021  [View and Review (lancscc.net)](http://intranet.ad.lancscc.net/teams/cfirst/member-development/view-and-review/) |
| School Place Planning | Mel Ormesher | 13 October 2021  [View and Review (lancscc.net)](http://intranet.ad.lancscc.net/teams/cfirst/member-development/view-and-review/) |
| SEND Overview and APP Update | Sally Richardson | 24 November 2021  [View and Review (lancscc.net)](http://intranet.ad.lancscc.net/teams/cfirst/member-development/view-and-review/) |
| Early Years | Andrew Cadman | 6 December 2021  [View and Review (lancscc.net)](http://intranet.ad.lancscc.net/teams/cfirst/member-development/view-and-review/) |
| Children's Permanence Service | Brendan Lee | 26 January 2022  [View and Review (lancscc.net)](http://intranet.ad.lancscc.net/teams/cfirst/member-development/view-and-review/) |
| Family Safeguarding | Mandy Williams | 2 February 2022  [View and Review (lancscc.net)](http://intranet.ad.lancscc.net/teams/cfirst/member-development/view-and-review/) |

**Available vodcasts:** [Councillors Learning Quarter - Education and Childrens Services (lancscc.net)](http://intranet.ad.lancscc.net/teams/cfirst/councillors-learning-quarter/councillors-learning-quarter-education-and-childrens-services/)

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