**Meeting of the Full Council - 26 May 2022**

**Report on the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Meetings Held on 22 February, 16 March, and 20 April 2022**

**Chair : County Councillor Andrea Kay**

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[Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee](https://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=1696)

**22 February 2022**

**Lancashire Schools - Attainment Priorities Overview**

The committee received a presentation and a report which provided an overview of the context of education provision and the COVID-19 pandemic, the steps taken to improve outcomes across Lancashire, proposed strategies to improve outcomes including COVID catch up, Ofsted inspection outcomes in Lancashire schools and settings since the start of the 2021-22 school year, and an overview of attainment and progress.

**Resolved:** That;

1. The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee considered the information as presented.
2. The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills give consideration to write to the school clusters with a view to highlighting the support available to schools in relation to the COVID Catch Up Funding.
3. A bitesize briefing be held regarding Ofsted inspection changes.

**16 March 2022**

**Shaping Care Together Programme Engagement Update**

The committee considered a report which provided an update on the Shaping Care Together Programme.

Members were informed that Shaping Care Together was run by NHS leaders across West Lancashire, Formby, and Southport, which sought to ‘futureproof’ the NHS by looking at new ways of working and new ways of delivering services.

**Resolved:** That;

1. the Shaping Care Together Programme – Engagement Update be noted.
2. A further update be provided to a future meeting of the committee.

**20 April 2022**

**Scrutiny Review – Road Safety**

At the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meeting held on
18 January 2022, a recommendation from this meeting suggested:

"The following county councillors be appointed as rapporteurs - County Councillors Berry, Woollam, and Swarbrick to further explore information behind the data on children seriously injured or killed on Lancashire roads to report back at the March meeting of the committee."

The committee considered the rapporteur report and verbal reports from
County Councillor Charlie Edwards, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and Jackie Brindle, Road Safety Manager from Lancashire County Council, Andy Pratt MBE, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, and Mark Hutton, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service.

**Resolved:** That from the rapporteur report, consideration be given by the
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on the following suggested recommendations:

1. A review be considered to identify road safety best practice across the UK which could inform a potential strategy in Lancashire.
2. A county-wide communication strategy be drafted on current initiatives (such as school walking buses) and information available in Lancashire on road safety, including across partner organisations to widen engagement with schools and parents/carers.
3. A package of information on road safety for county councillors be made available to utilise in their communities.
4. A bite size briefing on road safety be provided for all county councillors.
5. A review of current partnerships be undertaken within the Lancashire Community Transport scheme to identify potential options to broaden scope of the current services e.g. to provide travel to school.
6. Consideration be given to examine the potential use of commuted sums from developer contributions to further support future of healthier, safer environments.
7. Closer engagement be considered with all school crossing patrols to identify anecdotal information to feed into decisions and/or future initiatives that support road safety around schools.
8. A review be undertaken on how the Parent, Teacher, Friends Association (PTFA) could further strengthen road safety support in schools.

Further to this, the following recommendations were identified from the committee meeting discussions for consideration by the Cabinet Member:

1. Increased engagement with the Lancashire Youth Council on ways/groups to disseminate messages around road safety initiatives and systems in place to report concerns.
2. All councillors be provided with links to the Community Road Watch webpages with a view to increasing pool of volunteers to join the Community Road Watch Scheme.
3. Consideration be given on ways to further engage with schools and pupils around road safety and parking outside schools (e.g. mascots, competitions).
4. Consideration be given on how potential drop off points could be included in planning applications for new schools through discussion with the Local Planning Authorities.
5. Review to strengthen messages/raise awareness with parents and carers be undertaken on the costs to the county council associated with anti-social parking outside schools.
6. Guidance be considered to support county councillors in reporting/evidencing school road safety concerns.
7. Consideration be given on how central government could be lobbied for changes that cannot be made locally to further support road safety.
8. All county councillors be requested to download the Love Clean Streets app.
9. Thanks be extended to the councillors involved in this review with a request to continue to review road safety with a view to providing updates to the committee as required.
10. Update be provided in six months' time to the committee on the progress of the recommendations.