

Meeting of the Scrutiny Management Board Tuesday 25 July 2023

Chair: County Councillor David Westley
Support Officer: Gary Halsall

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes 2023/24

The committee was presented an overview of the work programmes for the Scrutiny Management Board and the four scrutiny committees for 2023/24.

Resolved: That;

- i. The work programme for the Scrutiny Management Board and the four scrutiny committees for 2023/24 be approved.
- ii. The Political Governance Working Group workplan and its timeline of activity for 2023/24 be noted.

Report on the activity of the Councillor Support Steering Group

The Scrutiny Management Board was presented a report on matters considered by the Councillor Support Steering Group since the Scrutiny Management Board last met on 18 April 2023.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Membership, and Terms of Reference for the Councillor Support Steering Group be noted.
- ii. The report of the Councillor Support Steering Group be received.

Meeting of the Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee Wednesday 20 September 2023

Chair: County Councillor Sue Hind
Support Officer: Misbah Mahmood

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Academisation / Commercialisation

The committee was presented with an update on academisation of education in Lancashire and the impact of this on the service. The update also detailed how this impacted our traded services and how the county council were seeking to capitalise on these opportunities where possible.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be shared with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills:

- i. The Children, Families and Skills Scrutiny Committee thank the Education Improvement Service and support the Academisation and Commercialisation report.
- ii. An update on Academisation and Commercialisation be provided to the committee in 12 months.

Education Strategy Annual Report 2023

The committee was presented with an update on the work of the Education Strategy for the academic year 2022/23. The report also provided an update on the wider work of the service and their next steps.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be shared with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills:

- i. An update on Home Education (to include the number of children who are home educated in Lancashire, and where possible, attainment data on what they go on to achieve e.g., at college) to be presented to the committee at the January 2024 meeting, or at an appropriate time.
- ii. A piece of work to be completed to understand the reasons behind persistent absence, using data from the termly visits conducted by Attendance Workers, to be circulated to the committee when available.



- iii. Details of the number of permanent exclusions, broken down by district, including details of any specific clusters and trends to be circulated to the committee.
- iv. Details of the percentage and raw numbers of families not receiving any of their top three choices in secondary school admissions, and a breakdown by district to be circulated to the committee.
- v. Details of the cost to schools for a Behaviour Consultant to be circulated to the committee.
- vi. A structure chart or diagram to illustrate the different services which were offered to schools, including their roles and responsibilities be circulated to the committee at an appropriate time.

Report on School Place Planning Inquiry Day

The committee received a summary report of the findings and recommendations from the School Place Planning (Mainstream and SEND) and School Transport Inquiry Day which was held on 21 June 2023.

Resolved: That the following recommendations be endorsed and shared with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and the Cabinet Members for Highways and Transport:

- i. A piece of work to take place on school place planning and how it has been distorted by various factors such as margin of error above 5% and new housing developments. Faith schools to also be included in this review.
- ii. Consideration be given to what issues cause inaccurate forecasting when the margin of error is above 5%.
- iii. Consideration be given to what measures can be taken to ameliorate the destabilisation of established schools when the margin of error is approaching 5%.
- iv. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to consider the reinstatement of the Safer Travel Unit, as and when the budget allows.
- v. A report be presented to the Children, Families and Skills committee setting out how we work closer with the district planning authorities to ensure that we maximise developer contributions. Progress to be reported and updated on a regular basis on the Dashboard.
- vi. Consideration be given to a review of the procurement process for school transport contracts in relation to environmentally friendly issues such as cleaner, low carbon and greener options and for this to be considered as part of the scoring process. Review to include types of fuel, vehicle age and plans for electric/hydrogen vehicles etc.



- vii. That the Education Improvement Team liaise with schools and consider using the safest routes (not necessarily the shortest) to schools when assessing eligibility for home to school transport applications and proximity of schools to homes.
- viii. That the School Transport Team and School Place Planning team have a closer working relationship with the aim of endeavouring to avoid an allocation of a place for which school transport is eligible but cannot be provided due to a lack of capacity.
- ix. That a review of School Transport take place in conjunction with the Public Transport Team, to consider how best to increase uptake of greener school transport options and bus use more widely though better service provision. The aim of the review will be to provide sufficient places for all those who want to use the bus (notwithstanding the fundamental statutory obligation to provide for children who qualify for home to school transport). The review could explore:
 - a. increased co-ordination of commercial, subsidised, school buses, and where appropriate, school-commissioned bus services;
 - b. making better use of existing combined resources,
 - c. more flexible fares for young people, and co-ordination with the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)
- x. That the Cabinet Members for Education and Skills and Highways and Transport attend a meeting of the Lancashire Association of School Governing Bodies.



Meeting of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee Thursday 29 June 2023

Chair: County Councillor Rob Bailey
Support Officer: Gary Halsall

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Report of the Public Realm Agreements Task Group

The committee received a final draft report which provided a number of findings and recommendations to the committee following a review of Public Realm Agreements in place between Lancashire County Council, the district councils and a small number of parish and town councils.

Resolved: That the recommendations of the Public Realm Agreements Task Group be supported.



Meeting of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 21 September 2023

Chair: County Councillor Rob Bailey
Support Officer: Gary Halsall

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Road Closures

The committee received a report which explained what drove the decisions around the type of traffic management used by utility companies, and what Lancashire County Council's role was in that decision making process, including an outline of Lane Rental Schemes.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport gives consideration to;
 - a. Producing a list of contact numbers and contacts for utility companies and their contractors who install temporary traffic lights to be shared with all county councillors and for this to include those website addresses displaying road work information in Lancashire such as MapZone/MARIO and One.Network.
 - b. Informing all Lancashire Parish and Town Councils of the option to register for road closure alerts.
 - c. Reviewing the road closure information on the county council's website with a view to including a list of frequently asked questions to assist residents.
- ii. The policy on road closures for events and parades be shared with members of the Environment, Economic Growth and Transport Scrutiny Committee.

Parking Enforcement and Red Routes

An update was presented to the committee on several areas that pertain to Civil Parking Enforcement and a brief overview on Red Routes.

Resolved: That the mechanism for county councillors to request a specific piece of parking enforcement be shared and made explicit on where county councillors report to.



Tree Asset Management Plan

A report was provided to the committee regarding the strategic approach to how the county council's arboricultural assets would be developed during the life of the plan and sets tree planting targets. The draft tree management plan would be considered by Cabinet later in the year.

Resolved: That the Draft Tree Assets Management Plan be noted with no further recommendations from the committee at this time.

Public Realm Agreements Task Group Recommendations – Cabinet Member Response

The committee received the report which detailed the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport's formal response to the task and finish group's report.

Resolved: That the formal written response from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on the Public Realm Agreements Task Group's recommendations be received.



Meeting of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Wednesday 12 July 2023

Chair: County Councillor David Westley
Support Officer: Samantha Parker

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

New Hospitals Programme

The committee received a verbal report regarding the progress of two new hospitals to replace Royal Preston Hospital and Royal Lancaster Infirmary as part of the national New Hospitals Programme.

Resolved: That;

- i. Information provided be considered.
- ii. Feedback be provided on the process so far.
- iii. Provision of views and guidance be continued on how the programme can help ensure the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee is able to undertake its duties.
- iv. New Hospitals Programme update be provided to the Health and Adult Services Committee in Spring 2024, once commercial work on options for sites for the new hospitals have been completed.

Update on Virtual Wards

The committee were presented an update on Virtual Wards.

Resolved: That;

- i. Information provided be considered.
- ii. Virtual Wards team return to the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee in 12 months to discuss transformation of outpatients and provide a further update on the expansion of the Virtual Ward provision.
- iii. Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board consider the recruitment of carers to ease the pressure on the current market.
- iv. The Report of the Chief Executive of the Lancashire and Integrated Care Board be shared with the members of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee.



Integrated Neighbourhood Teams

A summary of the presentation which was circulated with the agenda was presented to the committee.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Integrated Neighbourhood Team return to the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee to provide an update at a later date.
- ii. A bitesize briefing be arranged for members on Integrated Neighbourhood Teams in more detail at a division level.



Meeting of the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Wednesday 13 September 2023

Chair: County Councillor David Westley
Support Officer: Samantha Parker

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NHS Community Mental Health Transformation Programme Update

The committee were provided with an update since the item was last seen on 1 February 2023.

Resolved: That;

- i. A final update on implementation be presented to the Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee in 12 months' time.
- ii. A further update be provided to a future meeting of the Health Scrutiny Steering Group on the building programme to help support and influence where further capital funding may be required on the 'out of area' programme.

Happier Minds

The committee were presented an update on Happier Minds, one of the key priorities for the Public Health team.

Resolved: That;

- i. The content of the Happier Minds report and the direction of travel be endorsed.
- ii. The partnership approach to reduce the prevalence of alcohol and drug related harm, self-harm and suicides be supported.
- iii. The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing when reviewing future budgets, be asked that consideration is given to ensuring that resources are continued to be put into primary and secondary prevention work.

