

Meeting of the Full Council – 13 October 2016

Report on the Education Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 19 July 2016

Chair: County Councillor Cynthia Dereli

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Proposals for Designated Children's Centres

Bob Stott, Director for Education, Schools and Care, presented to the Committee the current patterns and future proposals of service delivery in Lancashire which constitutes the children's centre offer.

Committee members were advised that the designated children's centres proposal formed part of a wider Property Strategy consultation which was due to end on the 14th August 2016, with final proposals to Cabinet for approval on the 8 September 2016.

Resolved: That;

- i. The report be noted.
- ii. The Committee's concerns and comments be noted.
- iii. A formal response from the Committee to the proposals be submitted.
- iv. A breakdown by district on the access to the proposed sites for the most deprived areas be requested.
- v. Assurance that sufficient time and consideration be given to the volume of responses received and to allow for any further changes to the proposals.
- vi. Assurance that links would be made in relation to the reduction in bus services and the impact for the proposed sites.
- vii. A request be submitted from the Committee to the Bus Services Working Group to request a response to the consultation and to indicate if there is possible overlap in changes to both the children's centre location and bus service reduction.
- viii. A report to come back to the November meeting of the Committee after the conclusion of the consultation around the proposed service offer including further detail on the risks outlined in the report, how the transitional period would be managed, and the impact on the rural and most deprived communities.

Early Education and Early Years, School Improvement Service

Alison Kenny, Early Education and Learning Improvement Team Lead, School Improvement Service, provided information to the Committee on the Early Education and Early Years Teams, School Improvement Service.

Resolved: That;

- i. Officer be thanked for the report and attendance at the meeting.

- ii. The report be noted.
- iii. The Committee's concerns and comments be noted.
- iv. A further report would be provided for the Committee in November.

Outcomes of the White Paper

Bob Stott, Director for Education, Schools and Care, presented an update to the Committee on the outcomes of the White Paper.

The Committee was advised that meetings were attended across Lancashire to discuss the outcomes of the White Paper which included Primary Heads in Lancashire (PHiL), Lancashire Association of Secondary School Heads (LASSH), the Sounding Board Group and the Diocesan Liaison Group. It was highlighted to members that one of the changes around the introduction of a national funding formula was of great significance. This change would entail schools to be funded directly by 2018-19 and it was reported that local authorities would only have responsibility for the high needs funding for special educational needs and alternative provision.

Resolved: That;

- i. That the report be noted.
- ii. The Committee's concerns and comments be noted.
- iii. A special meeting or work shop of the Education Scrutiny Committee could be convened at the end of October if further information became available.
- iv. Dates of the upcoming conferences in the autumn be circulated to committee members.

Burnley University Technical College

Bob Stott, Director for Education, Schools and Care presented a position statement to the Committee on the situation around the closure of Burnley University Technical College in summer 2016.

Resolved: That the position statement and comments be noted.