

EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(Quorum 3)

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Rachel Gooch, Paul McIntee and Jane Sheat

DATE: 15 December 2014

**PLACE: Elisabeth Room, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich,
Suffolk, IP1 2BX**

TIME: 10.00 am

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2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

To note and record any apologies for absence or substitutions received.

3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

To receive any declarations of interests, and the nature of that interest, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2014.

5. Governance and the relationship between the Local Authority and Academies / Free Schools

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The objective of this scrutiny is to provide the committee with an opportunity to understand and comment on the local authority's role in influencing and improving performance of governance in schools, including academies / free schools.

6. **EOTAS Provision** Page 39

To provide the committee with an overview of how in practice the 'Education Other Than At mainstream School' ('EOTAS') alternative provision arrangements are working, with emphasis on the outcomes achieved for young people.

7. **School Transport and Catchment Areas** Page 83

The purpose of this scrutiny is to provide an update to the committee on the implementation of the school travel policies, and any issues arising, including those identified at Cabinet in June 2014.

8. **Information Bulletin** Page 91

Written information has been provided for the Committee for reasons indicated. The Committee may wish to consider whether there are any matters arising from this information that warrant specific aspects being added to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.

9. **Forward Work Programme** Page 113

To review the Committee's Forward Work Programme

10. **Urgent Business**

To consider any other item of business that in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified in the minutes) as a matter of urgency.

Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee will be held at 10.00am on Wednesday, 25 March 2015

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