

## **Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, Monday 15 December 2014**

### **Agenda Item 8 - Information Bulletin**

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This information Bulletin covers the following items:

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## 1. Suffolk School Attainment Results Summary Update

At the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meeting of 11 June 2014, the committee decided that it would like to receive, on a regular basis via the Information Bulletin, spreadsheets containing the most recent attainment data for Suffolk schools.

The information provided to the 15 December 2014 meeting of the Committee is an updated summary of Suffolk school attainment results and Ofsted inspections. This is shown at Appendix 1.

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## 2. Schools Forum – Update

At the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meeting of 11 June 2014, the committee requested that a regular update be provided about the Schools Forum activities as an item in the Information Bulletin. Information about the Schools Forum is publicly available on the County Council website: [https://www.schoolsurf.suffolkcc.gov.uk/docs/unrestricted/Consultative\\_Groups/Schools\\_Forum/index.aspx](https://www.schoolsurf.suffolkcc.gov.uk/docs/unrestricted/Consultative_Groups/Schools_Forum/index.aspx).

In the period since the last meeting of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, on 15 Sep 2014, the Schools Forum has met once, on 13 October 2014. The papers are available at the link shown above, and the agenda covered:

- Minutes of meeting on 15 July 2014 and matters arising
- Reporting back from working groups and partner organisations
  - a) Resource Allocation Group
  - b) VFM Group
  - c) Safeguarding Board
  - d) Children's Trust
- Election Vice Chair of the Forum
- De-delegation of Services

- Suffolk School block and Early Years Pro-forma
- High Needs – Alternative Provision Action Plan
- High Needs – Special Schools place review
- Suffolk County Council Role in the financial monitoring of Schools
- Forward Agenda and AOB Paper

The next meeting of the Schools Forum will be on 13 January 2015, and will cover: Feedback from working groups, Annual review of The Suffolk Scheme for financing of schools, Final pro-forma sign off and Review of Special School provision.

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### **3. CYP Recommendations arising from Scrutiny of the Council's Budget**

At the County Council [Scrutiny Committee meeting on 26 Nov 2014](#), in the pre-decision scrutiny of the County Council's budget, there were several draft recommendations relating to Children and Young People Services, as follows:

- i) To recommend to the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee that it should consider the implications of the proposals set out in the Education and Learning Infrastructure Plan, which is due to be considered by [Cabinet on 9 December 2014](#).
- ii) To request an Information Bulletin for the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on 15 December 2014, providing a breakdown of the £5.1 million savings identified as being achievable from the various strands of the Making Every Intervention Count Transformation Programme (paragraphs 85 to 90 of the budget report), and details how these will be delivered.

*[NB. This Information Bulletin item will be tabled at the 15 December meeting.]*

- iii) To request an information bulletin about the plans and costs associated with the foster carer recruitment initiative, and the cost/benefit of this initiative in relation to its impact upon the Looked After Children budget.

- iv) To request an information bulletin about the trends in demand and pattern of supply for each of the services provided by Schools Choice since its establishment, including the Learning Improvement Service, and a forecast of the budgetary implications of these trends for these services going forward.

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#### **4. Outcomes from the Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee – six-monthly Update**

At the Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee meeting of 11 June 2014, the committee agreed that it would maintain an ongoing ‘action tracker’ of the actions and outcomes arising from the Committee meetings.

A six-month update is shown at Appendix 2.

*(As this is the first time it has been compiled, there is still a significant amount of information awaited from officers.)*

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