

## Agenda Item 9

### Forward Work Programme

#### For Information – Potential scrutiny items arising from Cabinet Key Decisions

In consideration of its Forward Work Programme (below), the Committee may have regard to the Council's Key Decision Forward Plan, which is available on the [Council's website](#). An extracted summary of those items that relate to Education and Children's Services is as follows:

#### EXTRACT from CABINET KEY DECISIONS PLAN: 27 Jan to 23 Mar 2016

<u>Decision Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Summary Description</u>
11 Feb 2016	Resources Budget 2016-17 and Medium Term Financial Plan	The County Council is being asked to consider the proposed Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2016-17 as recommended by the Cabinet.
23 Feb 2016	Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report 2015-16	To inform Cabinet of the Council's overall financial position against the approved budget. To report progress on the delivery of the savings targets. To agree any recommendations relating to corrective action or spending proposals.
23 Feb 2016	To determine the Admission Arrangements to Schools in Suffolk for the 2017/2018 School Year	To determine the Admission Arrangements to Schools in Suffolk for the 2017/2018 School Year
23 Feb 2016	Syrian Resettlement Programme Casework Support	Suffolk County Council is co-ordinating the agreement to bring up to 200 Syrian refugees to Suffolk under the Government Syrian Resettlement Programme (SRP). A requirement of the SRP is to provide casework support to the refugees.
22 March 2016	Education and Learning Infrastructure Plan (ELIP)	Cabinet is asked to review and approve the latest version of the plan as agreed as a recommendation at the Cabinet meeting in December 2014

## Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – Forward Work Programme

- i. Scrutiny items should have regard to the County Council's priorities; 1. Raising educational attainment & skills, 2. Supporting LEPs and economic growth, 3. Maintaining roads & developing infrastructure, 4. Supporting the most vulnerable, 5. Empowering local communities.
- ii. The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising how the Council, and the other organisations with which it works, secure the best possible educational achievement and attainment for every child.

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<b>Thursday 9 June 2016</b> (provisional)	Suffolk Family Focus <i>Priority:Medium</i>	At a workshop on 24 July 2015 members re-prioritised this topic. This may need to be a joint meeting, with Health Scrutiny? Overview of SFF; update on progress; national agenda for Troubled Families; SFF future plans and challenges including funding. <i>[NB. See Info Bulletin from <a href="#">H&amp;W Board</a> 14 May 2015]</i>	
<b>Thursday 9 June 2016</b> (provisional)	School Education Performance Results	At a workshop on 18 Jan 2016 members requested this topic, to scrutinise the performance of Suffolk schools, based on the published results and trend information..	
<b>Thursday 9 June 2016</b> (provisional)	Making Every Intervention Count (MEIC) Update	At a workshop on 18 Jan 2016 members requested this topic. Update on the transformation programme; what the impacts have been; what savings have resulted; what metrics / measures are used to gauge performance and compare with statistical neighbours?	

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<b>Tuesday 6 September 2016</b> <i>(moved from 9 June)</i>	Budget / Cost Savings impacts <i>Priority: High?</i>	At meetings & workshops members have indicated the importance of proactive scrutiny of the system-wide <u>impacts</u> , for education & children's services, of budget and cost savings. A review at this stage could inform pre-budget Scrutiny in Nov.; Demand reduction, early intervention; breakdown of CYP expenditure per service area and expected impact on service levels and trends.	
<b>Thursday 1 December 2016</b> <i>(Moved from 6 Sep)</i>	Implementation of the new assessment framework for schools performance	At its mtg of 8/9/15 the Committee recommended to schedule, in approximately 1 year, an item to review the implementation of the new assessment framework, including feedback from teachers	
<b>Thursday 1 December 2016</b> <i>(provisional)</i>	Pupils aged 16 to 25 with Education and Health Care (EHC) Plans	(from the 3 Dec. 2015 mtg) Give further consideration to pupils who are in the age range 16 to 25 with Education and Health Care (EHC) Plans (previously Special Educational Needs and Disability Plans), noting also the concerns highlighted to the committee by a member of the public regarding Further Education colleges.	
<b>Thursday 1 December 2016 (provisional)</b> <i>[ previously 3 Dec 2015]</i>	MyGo (young people employment centre) <i>Priority: Medium?</i>	At a workshop on 10 Feb 2015 and also arising from a joint workshop on 20 Jul 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging low aspirations in Suffolk; Is the County appropriately skilled to support the growth programme being pursued through/by the LEP? Ensuring local skills are available. More joined up approach to infrastructure and local needs/gaps eg transport</li> <li>• Look at SCC Scrutiny Committee scrutiny and Info Bulletin on LEP in July/Oct 2015.</li> </ul> <i>[Maybe cover as Info Bulletin item?]</i>	Cabinet Member: Education and Skills Director of Children and Young People's Services Others - to be agreed

At each meeting there will be an **Information Bulletin**. Standing items for inclusion are:

- A summary of Schools Forum meetings that have taken place recently (requested 11/6/2014)
- An update every 6 months on the progress of Actions / Recommendations from previous scrutiny mtgs (requested 11/6/14)
- (at each mtg) The 'state of play' of progress on implementing the Ofsted Action Plan for School Improvement Service (requested 8/9/15)

Other recently suggested items, not yet agreed or scheduled:

- Capacity - Priority Schools Building Programme [NB. Reference Cllr Chambers' email of 20 July 2014, also scrutiny of ELIP / small schools, etc. in [March 2015](#)]
- Sexual abuse in schools [Item suggested at 8 Sep 2015 mtg - ref. a national [report in the Press](#) that same week]
- Update on the progress of the IYFAP (In Year Fair Access Panel) [Item suggested at 8 Sep 2015 mtg]
- A future workshop discussion about the schools capital / maintenance programme [Item suggested at workshop 6 Nov 2015]
- The educational impacts of the new post 16 Discretionary Transport changes [Item suggested at workshop 6 Nov 2015]
- Childrens' mental health [Item suggested at workshop 6 Nov 2015] [NB. CAMHS featured at Health Scrutiny on 21 Jan 2016]
- Free transport to higher performing schools –consideration of a suggestion that the free school transport policy should take account of the Ofsted rating of the schools. [Item arising from the 3 Dec 2015 mtg]
- Request for Info Bulletin on issues with getting good Governors into PRUs [issue raised via Schools Forum]

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For further information on any item appearing on this forward work programme, or if you wish to discuss possible items for future scrutiny, please contact Councillor Graham Newman, Chairman of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on [Graham.Newman@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Graham.Newman@suffolk.gov.uk)