

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

(Quorum 3)

The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee's remit is to act as the County Council's Scrutiny Committee for Education matters. The Committee's scope includes focusing on how the Council and other organisations with which it works, or who deliver educational provision in the County, secure the best possible educational achievement and attainment for every child.

Conservative Group

Councillors Graham Newman (Chairman), Nick Barber, Peter Beer, Mary Evans, David Ritchie and Joanna Spicer.

Labour Group

Councillors Helen Armitage, Sonia Barker and Bryony Rudkin.

UKIP Group

Councillor James Crossley.

Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

Councillor Penny Otton.

Green and Independent Group

Councillor Andrew Stringer.

Statutory Co-opted Members

Mark Dunn, Rachel Gooch, Paul McIntee and Jane Sheat.

Date: Thursday, 9 June 2016

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

Time: 10:00am

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Business to be taken in public

1. Public Participation Session

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The public participation session will not exceed 20 minutes to enable the Committee to consider its other business.

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 2 March 2016.

5. Suffolk Family Focus

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The objective of this scrutiny is for the committee to understand, and make any recommendations in relation to the Suffolk Family Focus (SFF) programme.

6. Making Every Intervention Count (MEIC) Update

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The objective of this scrutiny is for the committee to understand, and make any recommendations in relation to the MEIC transformation programme.

7. School Education Performance and Trends

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The objective of this scrutiny is for the committee to understand, and make any recommendations in relation to the trends in Suffolk school education performance.

8. **Information Bulletin**

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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.

1. Foster Carers
2. Children's Centres
3. Schools Consultations
4. Raising the Bar - Post Ofsted Action Plan – progress report – April 2016
5. Schools Forum – Update
6. Outcomes from the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – six-monthly Update
7. School Improvement Strategy Summary
8. Raising the Bar Programme update
9. Children in Care and unaccompanied child asylum seekers

9. **Forward Work Programme**

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To consider the development of the Forward Work Programme for the Committee, taking into account proposals from councillors, statutory co-opted members and the Information Bulletin, and also having regard to the Key Decision Forward Plan.

10. **Urgent Business**

To consider any other item of business which, 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 – Tuesday, 6 September 2016 at 10:00am.

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