

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: 18 May to 14 June 2016

<u>Decision Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Summary Description</u>
12 July 2016	2015-16 Outturn for Revenue and Capital Spending	This report summarises the Council's final Revenue and Capital financial position. It includes an explanation of under and over spending compared to the budget. The report will also show the Council's reserves, virements and the Council's Treasury Management activities.
13 September 2016	Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report 2016-17	This report summarises the Council's latest Revenue and Capital financial position. It includes forecast spending for each Directorate and an explanation of under and over spendings compared to the budget. An updated forecast on reserves and virements is also included together with progress on the Council's Treasury Management activities annexes (if appropriate).

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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Tuesday 6 September 2016 <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.	CYP Officers Finance
Tuesday 6 September 2016 <i>(new item)</i>	School Infrastructure and Capacity Planning <i>Priority: High?</i>	At the workshop on 26/4/16 members indicated the need to look at the priority schools building programme, forward planning in light of the number of oversubscribed primary schools this year, and noting that the Education & Learning Infrastructure Plan (ELIP) went to Cabinet on 22/3/16 . <i>[Also, reference Cllr Chambers' email of 20 July 2014, and previous scrutiny of ELIP / small schools, etc. in March 2015]</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Admissions data: significant issues eg. re: Ipswich, Red Lodge & Newmarket? - Anticipated growth (housing developments, etc) - What 'levers' does the Council have, eg. re: academies, Early Years places, etc? 	CYP Officers

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Thursday 1 December 2016 <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	CYP Officers Some Head Teachers
Thursday 1 December 2016 <i>(new item)</i>	Briefing on the implications of the government white paper 'Education Excellence Everywhere'	At a workshop on 26/4/16 members requested a timely briefing on what will be the Council's responsibilities for education in future, in light of the proposals, and subsequent refinements, set out in the White Paper.	CYP officers
Thursday 1 December 2016 (provisional)	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.	
Thursday 1 December 2016 (provisional) <i>[previously 3 Dec 2015]</i>	MyGo (young people employment centre) Priority: <i>Medium?</i>	At a workshop on 10 Feb 2015 and also arising from a joint workshop on 20 Jul 2015: • 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 • Look at SCC Scrutiny Committee scrutiny and Info Bulletin on LEP in July/Oct 2015. <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:

- 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]
- 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]
- Childrens' mental health [Item suggested at workshop 6 Nov 2015] *[NB. CAMHS featured at Health Scrutiny on 21 Jan 2016; see below]*
- Joint T&F Group with Health Scrutiny re: Transforming CAMHS? (Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting 21 Jan 2016, 'Progress in Transforming Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in Suffolk'. The Committee agreed: b) To invite the Education and Children Services Scrutiny Committee to join with the Health Scrutiny Committee to form a Task and Finish Group to consider how schools could support the Transformation Plan) *[Chairmen to discuss further]*
- Children Needing Help & Protection – Learning from Leeds City Council (<http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/local-authorities/leeds>) and other authorities? *[raised in discussion with Chairman & Vice Chairman]*
- Request for Info Bulletin on issues with getting good Governors into PRUs [issue raised via Schools Forum]
- Recruitment and training of school governors? (At Governor Appointments Committee on 4 Feb 2016 the Committee discussed the issues of recruitment and training of governors and decided: a) that the Committee would expect nominated governors to receive appropriate training, and that the application form should be amended to reflect this expectation; b) to invite the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee to consider the issues of governor recruitment and training; c) To recommend to the Senior Advisor, Governance that she produce, and circulate informally to all Councillors on each Full Council day, information about school governor vacancies in the constituency of each County Councillor.) *[NB. EdCS Scr Ctte looked at Governance in Dec.2014] [Wait until there is clarity regarding the govt. White Paper on education excellence]*

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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