

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: 15 July to 13 September 2016

<u>Decision Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Summary Description</u>
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.
13 September 2016	Peasenhall – Yoxford: Consultation Outcomes - for decision to publish statutory notices	Cabinet will be asked to: i) consider the results of public consultation on the future of Middleton, Peasenhall, and Yoxford Primary Schools; and ii) to approve the publication of statutory notices proposing changes to Middleton, Peasenhall and Yoxford Primary Schools
13 September 2016	Annual Report on Children's Services, Safeguarding Services	To comment on and agree proposed priorities for Safeguarding.
13 September 2016	Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report	This is the annual report to Cabinet on the work of the Corporate Parenting Board to monitor and challenge the quality of services to children in care and care leavers. It will include the Board's priorities for 2016/17 mutually-agreed with the Children in Care Council and CYP's priorities to ensure a sufficiency of placements for children in care.
13 September 2016	Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2015/16	For information only. It is a statutory requirement for the LSCB Chair to publish an annual report to be submitted to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Chief Executive and Leader of the Local Authority and the local Police and Crime Commissioner.

15 November 2016	Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report 2016-17	This report will summarise the Council's latest Revenue and Capital financial position. It will include forecast spending for each Directorate and an explanation of under and over spendings compared to the budget.
6 December 2016	Peasehall - Yoxford: Consultation Outcomes - final decision	To consider the outcome of the representations and to determine the statutory notices.
24 January 2017	Resources Budget 2017-18 and Medium Term Financial Plan	This report will summarise the Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2016-17 and will outline the background, financial environment, scrutiny and consultation arrangements.

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- 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.

Provisional meeting date	Subject / Council Priority	Description including why it is coming to committee for scrutiny and the anticipated outcomes	Who would the Committee wish to hear from?
Thursday 1 December 2016	Pupils aged 16 to 25 with Education and Health Care (EHC) Plans Priority: <i>High?</i>	(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	MyGo (young people employment centre) and Age 16-18 NEETs Priority: <i>High?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At previous workshops on 10 Feb 2015 and 20 Jul 2015 the members wished to look into challenging low aspirations in Suffolk, local skills to support the growth programme being pursued through/by the LEP, more joined up approach to infrastructure and local needs/gaps eg transport, etc. Then, at the workshop on 13 July 2016, following on from the 9 June meeting, it was decided to broaden the focus to include the Age 16-18 NEETs issue. • See the Information Bulletin item on NEET for the 6 Sep 2016 meeting of Educ & CS Scrutiny Committee. 	Cabinet Member: Education and Skills Director of Children and Young People's Services Others - to be agreed
Thursday 1 December 2016	<i>[Information Bulletin only]</i> Implementation of the new assessment framework for schools performance	<i>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 (Agreed at workshop 13/7/16, to have this topic just as an Information bulletin entry.)</i>	

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Thursday 1 December 2016	<i>[Information Bulletin only] Briefing on the implications of the government white paper 'Education Excellence Everywhere'</i>	<i>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. (Agreed at workshop 13/7/16, to have this topic just as an Information bulletin entry.)</i>	
Wednesday, 1 March 2017	<i>Agenda items to be confirmed</i>		
Wednesday, 28 June 2017	<i>Agenda items to be confirmed</i>		
Wednesday, 6 September 2017	<i>Agenda items to be confirmed</i>		
Wednesday, 6 December 2017	<i>Agenda items to be confirmed</i>		

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]
- Childrens' mental health [Item suggested at workshop 6 Nov 2015] *[NB. CAMHS featured at Health Scrutiny on 21 Jan 2016, and will feature again on 19 Jan 2017, to which Education & CS committee members will be invited. See Agenda Item 8, Information Bulletin, for the 6 Sep 2016 meeting of Educ & CS Scrutiny Committee, regarding a Joint Task & Finish Group with Health Scrutiny]*

- 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

