

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 INDICATIVE PLAN: 22 Feb 2017 to May 2017		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Summary Description</u>
13 June 2017	Red Lodge Primary School: Sponsor Recommendation	The outcome of the national competition to attract and assess potential sponsors of the new primary school in Red Lodge. The report asks Cabinet to recommend its preferred sponsor to the Secretary of State for Education.

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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 wellbeing for every child.

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?
Wednesday, 28 June 2017	<p>School Performance</p> <p>SEND Inspection</p>	<p><i>[NB. This will be after the May 2017 Elections, however work will have been scoped and put in train in advance]</i></p> <p>Scrutiny of Suffolk Education / School Performance Outcomes and 'Progress 8' Results</p> <p>For the committee to understand and scrutinise the outcome and action plan following the Ofsted/CQC Joint local area SEND inspection, the Report of which was published in Feb.2017. The scrutiny focus will also include an update on the progress of the IYFAP (In Year Fair Access Panel).</p> <p>Also, an Information Bulletin update on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - progress with Education Health and Care Plans - updated explanatory information about the 'Progress 8' assessment framework. <p>And, some scrutiny committee induction material for new committee members.</p>	
Wednesday, 6 September 2017	<i>Agenda items to be confirmed</i>		
Wednesday, 6 December 2017	<p>Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP / SEND)</p> <p>(Provisional) Education Transport, especially in Rural Areas</p> <p><i>Additional Agenda items to be confirmed</i></p>	<p>At the meeting on 1 Dec 2016 the committee agreed to hold a further scrutiny review of this topic in 12 months.</p> <p><i>(Moved from June 2017)</i> The educational impacts of the new post 16 Discretionary Transport changes. Also look at the Annual Complaints report – education transport was one of the top three complaint areas. Also the 'Hidden Needs' element / impact – are we targeting resources appropriately? How aware and knowledgeable are parents/carers about the details of the education transport policy?</p>	

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:

- A future workshop discussion about the schools capital / maintenance programme [Item suggested at workshop 6 Nov 2015]
- Request for Info Bulletin on issues with getting good Governors into PRUs [issue raised via Schools Forum]
- Recruitment and training of school governors? (Governor Appointments Committee on 4 Feb 2016 decided to invite the Chairman & Vice Chairman of Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Committee to consider the issues of governor recruitment and training. *[NB. EdCS Scr Ctte looked at Governance in Dec.2014] [Wait until there is clarity re: the govt. White Paper on education excellence]*
- Quality of apprenticeships *[Item suggested at 6/9/16 mtg.]*
- More 'Site Visits' and 'Service user engagement' for committee members (eg. recent visit to MyGo centre, Riverside CYP staff, etc.)

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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

