

EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 14 NOVEMBER 2013

WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

2013

Thursday 14th November 2013

Mock OFSTED Inspection and Framework for Local Authorities and how to respond.

Together with a reading list including a summary of the Norfolk case including what was said, the expectations and an explanation.

(CEF/relevant officer)

Revised proposals for the Home to School Transport Policy.

Consultation paper is due out in the next few weeks from CEF. To include Guidance from Department of Education, or ensure this is covered in the report.

School Balances.

Pupil premiums and how this impacts on attainment in terms of assistance/improvement.

Externalisation – Soft Market Testing.

When the proposals are due to go to Cabinet and how best to Scrutinise this process. What can be externalised? Roles within OCS. Report to Cabinet in mid-October. Timetabling of CEF proposals to be woven into Working Plan.

Validated Figures for GCSE's and A-Level's 2013

To include a column with reserves(?) Consequences (or not) of including this figure. Total budget per school, together with reserves and per pupil reserves.

(Frances Craven / relevant officer)

James - I also have a note from the meeting that Cllr Waine asked if science figures could be reported back to Committee in January along similar lines to the English and maths figures, as the science papers were noted as being more rigorous this year.

OTHER MATTERS

Changing role of Oxfordshire County Council within Education.

Whether to take a hands-off approach/structure? Do we continue to scrutinise?
Note Norfolk "on notice"

Standing Groups

- Educational Attainment – Cllrs Waine, Constance, Sanders & Atkins
- SEN & Gifted Children(?)

Pen portraits to be formed of proposed working groups; to be settled what is to be discussed/covered.

Budget

Educational Budget is due in December. How to handle this? Meeting suggested before Performance Scrutiny, now decided to be seminars by Directorate in order that queries can be raised/explanations given, then queries can be passed to Performance in December. Possibility of a short meeting for Education Scrutiny Committee following that?

Trends for the Future/Joined-up working

Recommendations re the changing landscape in the next 5-10 years, and the attainment/achievement in all schools given less involvement over.

Externalisation

Councillors Atkins, Waine, Sanders to meet with Frances Craven and James Kanimba after 18th October. Briefing note direct to school governors to contextualise consultation?

Soft Market Testing – what can be off-loaded? Report to Cabinet mid-October. Concerns over timetabling of CEF proposals.

Changing Role of Governing Bodies within Schools

Thriving Families

Consistency of OFSTED reporting for schools

Constitution

“Joined-up working” – note typo in “Terms of Reference”. Needs up-dating for next time.

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