



Notice of a Meeting

Education Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 6 February 2014 at 10.00 am County Hall

Membership

Chairman – Councillor Mark Gray
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Michael Waive

<i>Councillors:</i>	David Bartholomew	Richard Langridge	John Howson
	Yvonne Constance	Neil Owen	Lawrie Stratford**
	Simon Hoare	Gillian Sanders	John Christie***

** Substituting for Councillor Caroline Newton

*** Substituting for Councillor Val Smith

<i>Co-optees:</i>	Mr Chris Bevan	Mrs Sue Matthew	Mrs Liz Smith
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<i>By Invitation:</i>	Ian Jones	Carole Thomson
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Notes: *Date of next meeting: 3 April 2014*

What does this Committee review or scrutinise?

- a focus on the following key areas:
 - work in relation to the education strategy, and including review of an annual report on progress;
 - constructive challenge on performance issues highlighting issues where the Committee can support the improvement dialogue;
 - reviewing the Council's education functions including early years, Special Education Needs and school place planning;
 - reviewing the progress of, and any issues emanating from, the School Organisation Stakeholder Group with regard to admissions patterns and arrangements;
 - reviewing issues raised by the Schools Forum.
- assists the Council in its role of championing good educational outcomes for Oxfordshire's children and young people;
- provides a challenge to schools and academies and to hold them to account for their academic performance;
- promotes jointed up working across organisations in the education sector within Oxfordshire.

How can I have my say?

We welcome the views of the community on any issues in relation to the responsibilities of this Committee. Members of the public may ask to speak on any item on the agenda or may suggest matters which they would like the Committee to look at. **Requests to speak must be submitted to the Committee Officer below no later than 9 am on the working day before the date of the meeting.**

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About the County Council

The Oxfordshire County Council is made up of 63 councillors who are democratically elected every four years. The Council provides a range of services to Oxfordshire's 630,000 residents. These include:

schools	social & health care	libraries and museums
the fire service	roads	trading standards
land use	transport planning	waste management

Each year the Council manages £0.9 billion of public money in providing these services. Most decisions are taken by a Cabinet of 10 Councillors, which makes decisions about service priorities and spending. Some decisions will now be delegated to individual members of the Cabinet.

About Scrutiny

Scrutiny is about:

- Providing a challenge to the Cabinet
- Examining how well the Cabinet and the Authority are performing
- Influencing the Cabinet on decisions that affect local people
- Helping the Cabinet to develop Council policies
- Representing the community in Council decision making
- Promoting joined up working across the authority's work and with partners

Scrutiny is NOT about:

- Making day to day service decisions
- Investigating individual complaints.

What does this Committee do?

The Committee meets up to 6 times a year or more. It develops a work programme, which lists the issues it plans to investigate. These investigations can include whole committee investigations undertaken during the meeting, or reviews by a panel of members doing research and talking to lots of people outside of the meeting. Once an investigation is completed the Committee provides its advice to the Cabinet, the full Council or other scrutiny committees. Meetings are open to the public and all reports are available to the public unless exempt or confidential, when the items would be considered in closed session.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, giving as much notice as possible before the meeting

A hearing loop is available at County Hall.

AGENDA

1. **Introduction and Welcome**
2. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
3. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note of the back page**
4. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2013 (**ESC4**) and to receive information arising from them.

5. **Petitions and Public Address**
6. **Update on Validated 2013 GCSE Science Attainment Results (Pages 13 - 18)**

10.10am

Frances Craven, Deputy Director for Education and Early Intervention and Sue Bainbridge, Schools & Learning Manager, to present an update on the validated GCSE results for Science in Oxfordshire (**ESC6**).

7. **Pupil Premium (Pages 19 - 22)**

10.30am

Frances Craven, Deputy Director Education and Early Intervention, and Sue Bainbridge, Schools & Learning Manager, to present how Pupil Premium is being used to raise attainment (**ESC7**).

This report provides an overview of information provided to schools and academies about the use of Pupil Premium. It identifies a number of approaches used to ensure that the pupil premium supports improved outcomes for vulnerable children and young people in order to meet those expectations set out in the Education Strategy to provide early intervention and high quality approaches to teaching and learning.

The report will be supported by a presentation from representatives of Cheney School, Oxford and Caldecott Primary School, Abingdon, attending to discuss how the pupil premium is used and how they can share best practice.

8. Ofsted Categories (Pages 23 - 30)

11.30am

Frances Craven, Deputy Director Education and Early Intervention, and Sue Bainbridge, Schools & Learning Manager, to present the Ofsted Categories and the interventions available **(ESC8)**.

9. Academies (Pages 31 - 50)

12.20pm

Allyson Milward, Academies Manager to provide an update on outcomes of the Academies Programme in 2013, including information on which schools have converted, which schools are in the consultation stages and which schools have yet to convert **(ESC9)**.

10. The OFSTED Framework Select Committee Update (Pages 51 - 54)

12.30pm

The Committee are to receive an update on behalf of the Ofsted Framework Select Committee Working Group **(ESC10)**.

11. The Attainment Working Group Update (Pages 55 - 56)

12.40pm

The Committee are to receive an update on behalf of the Attainment Working Group **(ESC11)**.

12. Forward Plan and Committee Business (Pages 57 - 60)

12.50am

An opportunity for the Committee to discuss and prioritise future topics, potential approaches to its work and to discuss the schedule for future meetings **(ESC12)**.

CLOSE OF MEETING

1.00pm