

## **EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (2017 -18)**

### **1. Executive Summary**

This report presents the Education Scrutiny Committee with a proposed work programme for 2017 -18.

### **2. Key matters for the Committee's consideration:**

The Committee is asked to:

- Consider the work programme for 2017-18, in view of the ambitions for the education scrutiny function
- Consider if any additional items should be included in the work programme
- Consider whether any events / member development would assist the delivery of this work programme or future ambitions for Education Scrutiny.
- Consider whether any task groups should be established to examine issues in more detail.

### **3. Background – The Committees Work programme 2017 -18**

3.1 The Committees work programme is developed by members of the committee. Committee Members also individually or collectively have the opportunity to bring items to be included into the work programme.

3.2 Officers support the Chairman and the committee to consider its work programme. The process for this typically includes consultation with the Cabinet Member, consultation with Officers and / or relevant Departmental management teams, following on from previous items / commitments from previous reports, consideration of business plans and challenges identified in those, performance and other data.

3.3 The aim is to culminate in a work programme which focuses on what is important by:

- Focussing on areas where performance could be improved
- Focussing on areas where scrutiny might add value
- Feeding into proactive policy development by e.g. feeding into strategy development
- Using the insight of Members to act as a critical friend to services of the County Council and its partners, thereby enabling good governance and excellent services.

3.4 The work programme is attached at appendix 1. The Committee has discretion to establish task groups to examine issues in more detail.

**Appendix 1: Work Programme 2017-18**

**WORK PROGRAMME**

**Education Scrutiny Committee**

**Wednesday 19 July 2017**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Reasons and objective for item</b>	<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>
Briefing from Director of Children’s Services and the Cabinet Member for Education	<p>To define the scope of “Education”</p> <p>To identify the key areas the Committee should focus on for 2017 -18.</p>	<p>Lucy Butler, Director Children’s Services</p> <p>Cllr Michael Waine, Cabinet Member for Education</p>
The Education Scrutiny function	<p>The opportunity to examine if there are any areas where the role of education scrutiny could be enhanced, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ways of working</li> <li>• Membership of the Education Scrutiny Committee, including co-opting members to the Education Scrutiny Committee</li> <li>• To make recommendations to [INSERT relevant governance body]</li> </ul>	Cllr Michael Waine
Terms of Reference	To make recommendations to the	Cllr Michael Waine
Education Scrutiny Annual work programme	To review the annual work programme for the	Cllr Michael Waine

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(2017 -18)	Committee and to identify task group activity	
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**27 September 2017**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Reasons and objective for item</b>	<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>
Validated, educational attainment (primary phase - provisional results)	To review analysis of educational attainment (primary phase) provisional results.	Chris Malone
School attendance, exclusion and persistent absence	To review analysis of school attendance exclusion and persistent absence rates for Oxfordshire schools with analysis against national comparators and to identify areas for further work.	Rachel Etheridge, Senior County Attendance Officer

**13 December 2017**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Reasons and objective for item</b>	<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>
Elective Home Education Annual Report	To review annual analysis and trends relating to Elective Home Education in Oxfordshire and to identify	
(Provisional) Educational attainment Secondary Phase performance (including vulnerable groups)	To review analysis of Oxfordshire secondary school phase educational attainment annual performance tables (including those relating to vulnerable groups).	Chris Malone, Strategic Lead for Education Quality

<b>14 March 2018</b>		
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Reasons and objective for item</b>	<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>
Annual Report for the municipal year 2017-18	To receive a draft of the annual report prior to publishing on line	Lucy Butler, Director Children's Services
Academies in Oxfordshire Annual Report	To review the annual performance of Academies in Oxfordshire	
Ofsted Regional Director	A question and answer session with the Regional Schools Commissioner	Cllr Michael Waine