Education Scrutiny Committee Work programme (2019)

Outlined below is the Education Scrutiny Committee's proposed work programme.

The programme aims to prioritise areas of scrutiny where the Committee can add most value, either by holding to account or contributing to policy development. It does this by focusing on areas of public interest, where the committee's impact can be measured, interrogating performance information and keeping abreast of current areas of change / review.

Agenda Item	Reasons and objective for item	Lead Member / Officer
25 March 2019 (previously 3 April 2019)		
Ofsted Regional Director (1pm)	A question and answer session with the Ofsted Regional Director Chris Russell	Chairman
Post 16 Destination Management	A report about the destinations for post-16 pupils with a focus on studio schools and UTCs and the possible reasons for decreasing pupil numbers at these establishments.	Head of Access to Learning (Allyson Milward)
School Absence and Attendance	Interim report from the committee working group on improving school attendance	Cllr Michael Waine
Project Athens (Carillion) Update: School Building Maintenance	To receive an update report about how school building maintenance work is being prioritised and scheduled in maintained schools and academies who contract the Council following the liquidation of Carillion	Assistant Director for Property & Infrastructure (George Eleftheriou / Owen Jenkins)
19 June 2019		
Regional Schools Commissioner	A question and answer session with the Regional Schools Commissioner Chairman	Chairman
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy	To receive a report about the implementation of Council's SEND strategy	Deputy Director for Education (David Clarke / Head of SEND (Jayne Howarth)
Looked After Children	A review of attainment for this vulnerable group	Deputy Director for Education (David Clarke /

educational attainment		Head of School Improvement & Learning (Kim James)
Annual Academies in Oxfordshire Report	An update on academies' status, issues and trends across Oxfordshire	Head of Access to Learning (Allyson Milward)
Post-16 results and EET data	A comprehensive report on post-16 results and destinations in Education Employment and Training	Head of School Improvement & Learning (Kim James)
Home to School Transport Policy	Discussion around forming a working group to input into the formulation of the policy for mainstream schools.	Cllr John Howson
4 September 2019		
To be scheduled		
Educational Attainment	Recommendations from the committee working group on improving educational performance	John Howson / Head of School Improvement and Learning (Kim James)
Disparity in educational outcomes across Localities and closing the gap (vulnerable learners)	Profile of educational outcomes across Oxfordshire – sharing learning across the county and forming pathways to raising the attainment of vulnerable pupils (best practice), current provision of support, an overview of the profile of vulnerable learners.	
Demographic trends	Planning for school places and supporting families with English as an additional language	
Schools funding formula	Potentially a task group reporting back to ESC	
Children and Family Centres and Locality Community Support Services	To present the findings of the monitoring investigations undertaken by members of the Committee following on from the presentation in July 2018	Cllr Michael Waine/Area Social Care Manager
Update on the impact of work on reducing exclusions	To present the impact / results of implementing the recommendations on exclusions from the committee working group.	Assistant Director for Education (David Clarke) / Head of Learner Engagement (Deborah Bell)

Learner Engagement Strategy	To present to the committee the new OCC strategy for learner engagement.	Assistant Director for Education (David Clarke) / Head of Learner Engagement (Deborah Bell)
Post 16 Home to School Transport (mainstream)	To discuss how the Committee might add value in looking into the issue of cost of post-16 transport to school.	Chairman