

Education Scrutiny Committee Work programme (2017 -18)

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
13 December 2017		
Elective Home Education	Understanding the local authority legal responsibilities challenges and opportunities. Review annual analysis and trends relating to Elective Home Education in Oxfordshire	
Bullying	Review of the prevalence of prejudice-related bullying in schools and online, particularly the impact on vulnerable groups.	
(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).	Strategic Lead for Education Quality
14 March 2018		
Annual Report for 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

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To be scheduled		
Closing the gap (vulnerable learners)	Pathways to raising the attainment of vulnerable pupils (best practice), current provision of support, an overview of the profile of vulnerable learners	
LA's new relationship with schools	To help shape an evolving relationship with schools and colleges.	
Sufficiency of school places (particularly SEN)	Including places for pupils with Special Educational Needs.	
Looked After Children educational attainment	A review of attainment for a particular vulnerable group	
Demographic trends	Planning for school places and supporting families with English as a foreign language	
Disparity in educational outcomes across Localities	Profile of educational outcomes across Oxfordshire – sharing learning across the county.	
Schools funding formula	Potentially a task group reporting back to ESC	