

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
14 March 2018 (Extraordinary Meeting)		
School exclusions	Recommendations from the committee working group on exclusions which aim to help schools reduce fixed term and permanent exclusion rates.	Cllr Gill Sanders
Educational attainment – secondary phase (including vulnerable groups) and a primary school update	Review of levels of attainment in secondary education with a particular focus on areas of inequality and achievement of vulnerable learners. To update Members of Primary School levels of attainment – at the December meeting Committee Members were given a briefing based on predicted levels of attainment at Primary School level. This report will update Members on the actual figures which have now been published.	Strategic Lead for Education Quality / Strategic Lead for Vulnerable Learners
Elective Home Educators	To receive an update report from Councillors following the resolution from the December meeting to meet with officers and elective home educators	Cllr Michael Waive
14 March 2018 (Main Meeting)		
Regional Schools Commissioner	A question and answer session with the Regional Schools Commissioner	Cllr Michael Waive
School absence and attendance	To agree the scope, lead officers and sub-group membership of the school absence and attendance deep dive.	Cllr Michael Waive
Anti-bullying charter	A follow up to the December 2017 recommendation to create an anti-bullying charter across Oxfordshire	Anti-Bullying Co-Ordinator

27 June 2018		
Elective Home Education Investigation	Results of the sub group investigation into the reasons for an increase into elective home education	Cllr Michael Waine
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	
Educational Attainment	Recommendations from the committee working group on improving educational performance	Cllr John Howson