Education Scrutiny Committee Work programme (2018 -19)

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
28 November 2018		
Pupil Place Planning 2018-2024	To receive a report about pupil place planning	Head of School Organisation and Sufficiency/Director of Education
Northfield School	To receive an update on progress that has been made with the Northfield School site	Deputy Director for Education
School Attainment	To agree the scope of the deep dive into educational attainment, particularly the attainment of vulnerable learners at secondary schools and to agree the membership of the working group	Cllr John Howson/Policy Officer
Ofsted Update	To receive a brief report about areas of focus for Ofsted in the county and recent inspections to inform questions to ask Ofsted at a future meeting.	Head of Learning and School Improvement
6 February 2019		
Educational Attainment Report 2018	To receive a report on the validated education attainment results across all Key Stages to include positive issues to highlight and areas to be addressed moving forward	Head of Learning and School Improvement/Performance Information Manager
School absence and attendance	Recommendations from the committee working group on improving school attendance	Cllr Michael Waine
School Exclusions Deep Dive – 6-month update	To receive a progress report on the implementation of recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee's deep dive into school exclusions	Director for Education/Cabinet Member for Education and Cultural Services
LA's new relationship with schools	To help shape an evolving relationship with schools and colleges. This presentation is	Director for Education

	intended to act as a planning session for the Committee for the forthcoming Council Year.	
New Date 25 March 2019 (previously 3 April 2019)		
Ofsted Regional Director	A question and answer session with the Ofsted Regional Director and/or representatives from Ofsted	Chairman
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy	To receive a report about the implementation of Council's SEND strategy.	Director for Education
Project Athens 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 Major Infrastructure and Construction/Director for Capital Investment and Delivery
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	
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 an additional 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	
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
Regional Schools Commissioner	To undertake a question and answer session with the Regional Schools Commissioner	Chairman
Educational	Recommendations from the	Cllr John Howson

Attainment	committee working group on improving educational performance	