

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
17 June 2019 (previously 19 June)		
Regional Schools Commissioner	A question and answer session with the Regional Schools Commissioner Chairman	Chairman (Cllr Michael Waive)
New Schools Building Programme	To receive an update on the progress of the Programme and discuss emerging issues of delay.	Head of Access to Learning (Allyson Milward) / Cllr Lindsay-Gale
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy	To receive a report about the implementation of Council's SEND strategy	Head of SEND (Jayne Howarth)
Annual Academies in Oxfordshire Report	An update on academies' status, issues and trends across Oxfordshire	Paper only. From 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)
Update on Northfield School post-Ofsted inspection work and progress	To receive an update on progress at Northfield School following its Ofsted inspection rating of Inadequate	Head of SEND (Jayne Howarth)
Fair Access Protocol	To support the direction of and to receive a report on the implementation of the revised Fair Access Protocol in advance of the next academic year. Recommendation from the Deep Dive on attendance.	Head of Learner Engagement (Deborah Bell)

4 September 2019		
Post-Carillion Update on Schools Repair & Maintenance	A 6-month update following the one made in March 2019 to the Committee on prioritisation and delivery of repair and maintenance in schools following the collapse of Carillion.	Assistant Director Community Facilities Management (George Eleftheriou)
Reintegration Timetabling	To receive a report about the number of reintegration timetables being used at schools across Oxfordshire and any evidence in them being used as an alternative to exclusions. (Recommendation from the Performance Scrutiny Committee).	Head of Learner Engagement (Deborah Bell)
New academic year update on New Schools	To receive an update report on proposed and planned new schools in Oxfordshire.	Head of Access to Learning (Allyson Milward)
Alternative Provision Commissioning Strategy	To receive a brief on the development of the strategy and for Committee Members to have input prior to its implementation in November 2019.	Head of Learner Engagement (Deborah Bell)
To be scheduled		
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
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	

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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