



Buckinghamshire County Council
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Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Agenda Work Programme 2013-2014

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| 18 th Feb 2014 | | |
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| 10am | | |
| <i>Venue Mez Room 2, New County Offices, Aylesbury</i> | | |
| Topic / Description | Evidence | Witnesses |
| Questions to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services | Oral evidence from Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services | Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services |
| Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention To consider the key strategies and initiatives in this area and the key stakeholders and partnerships and the key role played by each of the partners. This report should also summarise the key headline statistics and budgets for CSE and prevention. | A brief report to summarise the key strategies and initiatives in this area and the key stakeholders and partnerships and the key role played by each of the partners. This report should also summarise the key headline statistics and budgets for CSE and prevention. | Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services |
| Child Protection and Internet Safety To consider the measures in place for the | A report to consider the measures in place for the protection of children | Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services |

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| protection of children using the internet, risk analysis and areas for policy development; including cyber-bullying, online predation and solicitation of minors, protection of children from obscene/offensive content. | using the internet, risk analysis and areas for policy development; including cyber-bullying, online predation and solicitation of minors, protection of children from obscene/offensive content. | |
| Narrowing the Gap Select Committee Inquiry To agree the Narrowing the Gap Select Committee Inquiry report. | The draft Narrowing the Gap Select Committee Inquiry Report. | Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills |
| The Adoption Campaign Questions to the Cabinet Member to provide an update on the adoption campaign. | | Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services |
| 25th March 2014 10am | | |
| <i>Venue Mez Room 2, New County Offices, Aylesbury</i> | | |
| PSHE in Buckinghamshire To consider the delivery of PSHE in Buckinghamshire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the requirements of the curriculum, the areas for local discretion, any guidance from the local authority / BLT areas for development, young people's work readiness. | A brief report on the delivery of PSHE in Buckinghamshire, including a summary of the requirements of the curriculum, the areas for local discretion, any guidance from the local authority / BLT on this and any areas for development, including, specifically, young people's work readiness. | Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills |
| Families First 2 A review of the progress of the Families First programme (Buckinghamshire's response to the "Troubled Families initiative). | An in-depth report on Families First, progress to date and future service development, including the newly published criteria for the 2015-16 service roll out. | Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service Joy Shakespeare – Head of Family Resilience |

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| Starts - 23 July 2013 Ends – 27 May 2014 (two meetings) | CSPO1 (b) E&SPO6(d&m) | |
| PSHE provision in Buckinghamshire An overview of the PSHE provision in Buckinghamshire, including evidence and a report from the Buckinghamshire Youth Parliament. | A brief report on PSHE provision in Buckinghamshire, including a summary of the statutory requirements for PSHE provision, areas for local discretion and areas for development. A report from the Buckinghamshire Youth Parliament | Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member Education and Skills Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services The Buckinghamshire Youth Parliament Buckinghamshire MPs Buckinghamshire school Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors |
| Munro Programme Starts – 10 September 2013 Ends – 18 February 2014 (two meetings) | Questions from the Committee and a briefing on the work and progress of the Munro Programme, including, specifically, progress on financial savings. | Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services; Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service; Keith Francis – Head of Children’s Care Service |
| Fostering | To review the arrangements, policies, procedures for adoption and outcomes for children, young people and families. | Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services; Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service |
| Adoption | To review the arrangements, policies, procedures for fostering and outcomes for children, young people and families. | Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services; Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service |
| Families First | An update on the progress of the Families First programme (Buckinghamshire’s response to the government’s “Troubled Families” initiative). | Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services; Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service; Joy Shakespeare – Head of Family Resilience |
| PSHE provision in Buckinghamshire | An overview of the PSHE provision in Buckinghamshire, including evidence | Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member Education and Skills |

| | and a report from the Buckinghamshire Youth Parliament. | Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services The Buckinghamshire Youth Parliament Buckinghamshire MPs Buckinghamshire school Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors |
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| 22nd April 2014 10am | | |
| <i>Venue Mez Room 2, New County Offices, Aylesbury</i> | | |
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| <p>School Absenteeism An overview and review of the rates of absenteeism in Buckinghamshire schools, identified groups of high absenteeism, identified schools with high rates of absenteeism, and the strategies in place to support schools in reducing absenteeism.</p> <p>Spring 2014</p> <p>(one meeting)</p> | <p>A report on school absenteeism, including the rates of absenteeism in Buckinghamshire schools, identified groups of high absenteeism, identified schools with high rates of absenteeism, benchmarked against national and statistical neighbour local authority areas, and the strategies in place to support schools in reducing absenteeism.</p> | <p>Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills</p> |
| <p>Young People, Ready for Work Inquiry To agree the Young People Ready for Work Inquiry into young people’s work readiness report and recommendations</p> | <p>The Young People Ready for Work Inquiry report.</p> | <p>Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Youth Parliament representatives</p> |
| <p>The Bucks Learning Trust 2 An update on the Bucks Learning Trust. – performance monitoring and review (ongoing)</p> <p>Starts - 23 October 2013 Ends – 22 April 2014</p> <p>(two meetings)</p> | <p>An questions from and questions to the Chief Executive of the Bucks Learning Trust to introduce the Bucks Learning Trust, it’s aims and objectives, structure, service provision, targets and performance indicators, key stakeholders, risk management and progress to date.</p> <p>Ref: E&SPO6(a)</p> | <p>Raza Khan – Chief Executive of the Bucks Learning Trust.</p> |
| <p>School Governance 2 Improving schools through effective local</p> | <p>A report on the provisions in place to support effective school governance.</p> | <p>Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills</p> |

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| <p>accountability.</p> <p><i>An inquiry to review the support and advice available to school governors in their role and how this could be enhanced.</i></p> <p>Starts - 10 December 2013 Ends – 22 April 2014</p> <p>(two meetings)</p> | <p>Ref: E&SPO4(f)</p> | <p>Raza Khan – Chief Executive, Bucks Learning Trust</p> <p>Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention</p> <p>Andrew Walker – Chairman of the BASG</p> <p>Head Teachers and School Governors</p> |
| <p>Learning New Ways To review the implementation of the agreed recommendations of the Learning new Ways Scrutiny Review.</p> <p>April/May 2013</p> <p>(one meeting)</p> | <p>A report on the implementation of the agreed scrutiny recommendations of the Learning New Ways Scrutiny Inquiry, including identification of agreed recommendations implemented, agreed recommendations not implemented and reasons why, implementation dates and key stages, actions arising and quantitative and qualitative evidence of outcomes from the implementation of the agreed recommendations and scrutiny inquiry.</p> | <p>Cllr Mr Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills</p> <p>Raza Khan – Chief Executive of the Bucks Learning Trust.</p> <p>Councillor Avril Davis</p> <p>(schools inc Head Teachers and Chairs of School Governing Bodies)</p> |
| <p>Educational Standards To review the attainment performance of Buckinghamshire schools at various Key Stages.</p> <p>Starts - 23 July 2013 Starts - February 2014</p> | <p>A report on the attainment performance of Buckinghamshire schools at various Key Stages in 2012-2013.</p> <p>Ref: E&SPO7(b)</p> | <p>Raza Khan – Chief Executive of the Bucks Learning Trust.</p> <p>Cllr Mr Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills</p> |
| <p>Key Issues for Scrutiny 2014-2015</p> | <p>Education and Skills Portfolio Plan Children and Young People Portfolio Plan Children’s Services Portfolio Plan</p> | <p>Cllr Mr Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services</p> |

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| <p>The Munro Programme A briefing on the work and progress of the Munro Programme, including, specifically, progress on financial savings.</p> <p>Starts – 10 September 2013 Ends – 18 February 2014</p> <p>(two meetings)</p> | <p>Questions on the work and progress of the Munro Programme and questions to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services.</p> <p>Ref: CSPO1/2/3/4 CSPO1(a) E&SPO6(c)</p> | <p>Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services</p> <p>Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service</p> |
| <p>Families First 3 A review of the progress of the Families First programme (Buckinghamshire’s response to the “Troubled Families” initiative).</p> <p>Starts - 23 July 2013 Ends – May 2014</p> <p>(three meetings)</p> | <p>Questions on the progress of the Families First programme and questions to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services.</p> <p>Ref; CSPO1 (b) E&SPO6(d&m)</p> | <p>Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services</p> |
| <p>Child Protection To review the arrangements in place to ensure that the right children have a formal child protection plan and that they receive appropriate help to secure their long term safety and well-being.</p> <p>Starts – 10 September 2013 Ends – Spring 2014</p> <p>(two meetings)</p> | <p>Questions on arrangements in place to ensure that the right children have a formal child protection plan and that they receive appropriate help to secure their long term safety and well-being and questions to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services.</p> <p>Ref: CSPO2</p> <p>(JCS&ESPP 2012-2013 - 3. Early Intervention and Secondary</p> | <p>Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services</p> <p>Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention</p> |

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| | Prevention) | |
| Educational Attainment Gaps Quarterly Monitoring and review narrow educational attainment gaps (alignment and progress). | An update and review narrow educational attainment gaps (alignment and progress). | Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills |
| Educational Standards 2 To review the attainment performance of Buckinghamshire schools at various Key Stages. Starts - 23 July 2013 Starts - February 2014 (two meetings) | A report on the attainment performance of Buckinghamshire schools at various Key Stages in 2012-2013. Ref: E&SPO7(b) | Raza Khan – Chief Executive of the Bucks Learning Trust. Cllr Mr Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills |
| ESCSSC Annual Work Programme 2014-2015 | | Cllr Mrs Val Letheren – Chairman of the ESCSSC Michael Carr – Scrutiny Policy Officer |