



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

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25 th March 2014 10am		
<i>Venue Mez Room 2, New County Offices, Aylesbury</i>		
Topic / Description	Evidence	Witnesses
<p>PSHE in Buckinghamshire An overview of the PSHE provision in Buckinghamshire, including evidence and a report from the Buckinghamshire Youth Parliament and the requirements of the curriculum. The officer reports to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the areas for local discretion, • any guidance from the local authority / BLT • areas for development, • young people's work readiness. 	<p>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.</p> <p>A report from the Buckinghamshire Youth Parliament.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Families First A review of the progress of the Families First programme (Buckinghamshire's</p>	<p>A report on Families First, progress to date and future service development, including the newly published criteria</p>	<p>Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p>

response to the “Troubled Families initiative).	for the 2015-16 service roll out.	Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service Joy Shakespeare – Head of Family Resilience
Munro Programme Questions from the Committee and a briefing on the work and progress of the Munro Programme, including, specifically, progress on financial savings. Following from the questions to the CM on 10 th September 2013		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.	A brief report on the arrangements, policies, procedures for adoption and outcomes for children, young people and families.	David Martin – Deputy Cabinet Member for Children’s Services Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service Steve Tanner – Head of Children’s Care
Adoption To review the arrangements, policies, procedures for fostering and outcomes for children, young people and families.	A brief report on the arrangements, policies, procedures for adoption and outcomes for children, young people and families.	David Martin – Deputy Cabinet Member for Children’s Services Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service Steve Tanner – Head of Children’s Care
22nd April 2014 10am		
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Elective Home Education and School Absenteeism An overview and review elective home school education in Buckinghamshire, and 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.	A report on An overview and review elective home school education in Buckinghamshire, 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	Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

Spring 2014 (one meeting)	support schools in reducing absenteeism.	
Young People, Ready for Work Inquiry To agree the Young People Ready for Work Inquiry into young people's work readiness report and recommendations	The Young People Ready for Work Inquiry report.	Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Youth Parliament representatives
The Bucks Learning Trust 2 An update on the Bucks Learning Trust. – performance monitoring and review (ongoing) Starts - 23 October 2013 Ends – 22 April 2014 (two meetings)	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. Ref: E&SPO6(a)	Raza Khan – Chief Executive of the Bucks Learning Trust. Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention
School Governance 2 Improving schools through effective local accountability. <i>An inquiry to review the support and advice available to school governors in their role and how this could be enhanced.</i> Starts - 10 December 2013 Ends – 22 April 2014 (two meetings)	A report on the provisions in place to support effective school governance. Ref: E&SPO4(f)	Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Andrew Walker – Chairman of the BASG Head Teachers and School Governors
Learning New Ways To review the implementation of the agreed recommendations of the Learning new Ways Scrutiny Review. April/May 2013 (one meeting)	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	Cllr Mr Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Councillor Avril Davis – Chairman of the Learning New Ways Scrutiny Task and Finish Group (schools inc Head Teachers and Chairs of School Governing Bodies)

	dates and key stages, actions arising and quantitative and qualitative evidence of outcomes from the implementation of the agreed recommendations and scrutiny inquiry.	
Key Issues for Scrutiny 2014-2015	Education and Skills Portfolio Plan Children and Young People Portfolio Plan Children's Services Portfolio Plan	Cllr Mr Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services
27th May 2014 10am		
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The Munro Programme A briefing on the work and progress of the Munro Programme, including, specifically, progress on financial savings. Starts – 10 September 2013 Ends – 18 February 2014 (two meetings)	Questions on the work and progress of the Munro Programme and questions to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services. Ref: CSPO1/2/3/4 CSPO1(a) E&SPO6(c)	Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service
Families First 3 A review of the progress of the Families First programme (Buckinghamshire's response to the "Troubled Families" initiative). Starts - 23 July 2013 Ends – May 2014 (three meetings)	Questions on the progress of the Families First programme and questions to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services. Ref; CSPO1 (b) E&SPO6(d&m)	Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service
Child Protection To review the arrangements in place to	Questions on arrangements in place to ensure that the right children have	Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services Stephen Bagnall - Service Director - Child & Family Service

<p>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>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 Prevention)</p>	
<p>Educational Attainment Gaps Quarterly Monitoring and review narrow educational attainment gaps (alignment and progress).</p>	<p>An update and review narrow educational attainment gaps (alignment and progress).</p>	<p>Councillor Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention</p>
<p>Educational Standards 2 To review the attainment performance of Buckinghamshire schools at various Key Stages.</p> <p>Starts - 23 July 2013 Starts - February 2014</p> <p>(two meetings)</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>Cllr Mr Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention</p>
<p>ESCSSC Annual Work Programme 2014-2015</p>		<p>Cllr Mrs Val Letheren – Chairman of the ESCSSC Michael Carr – Scrutiny Policy Officer</p>