



Buckinghamshire County Council
Select Committee
Education, Skills and Children's Services

Date: Tuesday 22 April 2014

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury

AGENDA

9.30 am Pre-meeting Discussion

This session is for members of the Committee only. It is to allow the members time to discuss lines of questioning, areas for discussion and what needs to be achieved during the meeting.

10.00 am Formal Meeting Begins

Agenda Item	Time	Page No
1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	10am	
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To declare any Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.		
3 MINUTES Minutes of the meeting held on 25 th March 2014 to be confirmed as a correct record.		1 - 10



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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The Cabinet Member and responsible officers will then be invited to respond.

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<http://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=788>

5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

10.05am

For the Chairman of the Committee to provide an update to the Committee on recent scrutiny related activity.

6 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

For members of the Committee to update the Committee on any issue they are investigating on behalf of the Committee.

7 ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION AND SCHOOL ABSENTEEISM

10.10am

11 - 14

An inquiry into home education in Buckinghamshire and school absenteeism, including the rates of absenteeism in Buckinghamshire schools, identified schools with high rates of absenteeism and the strategies in place to support schools in reducing absenteeism.

Contributors

Mr Chris Munday – Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention

Mrs Vivian Trundell - Exclusions and Reintegration Manager

Ms June Casemore - Family Resilience Consultant

Papers

A report on elective home education in Buckinghamshire and school absenteeism.

8 THE BUCKS LEARNING TRUST

10.55am

Questions to the Chief Executive of Bucks Learning Trust.

Contributors

Mr Raza Khan – Chief Executive of the Bucks Learning Trust

Mr Chris Munday – Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention

9 YOUNG PEOPLE, READY FOR WORK INQUIRY 11.10am To Follow

The report and recommendations arising from the Young People Ready for Work Inquiry.

Contributors

Mrs Val Letheren, Chairman of the Select Committee for Children, Education and Skills

Mr Bill Bendyshe-Brown, Deputy Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

Mr Chris Munday, Service Director, Learning Skills and Prevention

Mr Raza Khan, Chief Executive of the Bucks Learning Trust

Mr Michael Carr, Scrutiny Policy Officer, Policy, Performance and Communications

Papers

The Young People, Ready for Work Inquiry report will follow.

10 SCHOOL GOVERNANCE 11.30am

Questions on the support and advice available to school governors in their role and how this could be enhanced, as part of the Committee's inquiry.

Contributors

Mr Chris Munday – Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention

Mrs Nicola Cook – Governor Services Manager, Bucks Learning Trust

11 LEARNING NEW WAYS 11.50am 15 - 24

A review of the implementation of the agreed scrutiny recommendations of the Learning New Ways Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, carried out in 2012-13.

Contributors

Mr Bill Bendyshe-Brown – Deputy Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

Mrs Avril Davies – Chairman of the Learning New Ways Scrutiny Task and Finish Group

Mr Chris Munday – Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention

Mrs Sarah Holding – School and Academy Relationship Manager

Mr Raza Khan – Chief Executive of the Buckinghamshire Learning Trust

Papers

A report on the agreed recommendations of the Learning New Ways Scrutiny Task and Finish Group and an update on how they have been implemented.

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| 12 | KEY ISSUES FOR SCRUTINY 2014-15 | 12.10pm | |
| 13 | COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
To consider and agree the updated Work Programme. | 12.30pm | 25 - 32 |

Contributors

Mrs Val Letheren – Chairman of the Committee

Mr Michael Carr – Scrutiny Policy Officer, Policy, Performance and Communications

Papers

Updated Work Programme 2013-14

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| 14 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING
To note the next meeting of the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee on Tuesday 27 th May 2014 in Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury |
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Purpose of the committee

The Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee shall carry out the local authority scrutiny functions for all policies and services relating to education and learning and children and young people, including: Nurseries and early years education; Schools and further education; The Bucks Learning Trust; Quality standards and performance in education; Special Educational Needs (SEN); Learning and skills; Culture and learning; Adult learning; Children and family services; Early intervention; Child protection, safeguarding and prevention; Children in care (looked after children); Children's psychology; Children's partnerships; Youth provision; The Youth Offending Service; Libraries; The County Museum; and Registrars.

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Mr J Chilver	Mr R Stuchbury
Mr D Dhillon (VC)	Ms R Vigor-Hedderly
Mr P Irwin	Ms K Wood
Mrs V Letheren (C)	

Co-opted Members

Mr D Babb, Church of England Representative
Ms R Burchell, Secondary School Sector
Mr M Moore, Roman Catholic Church
Ms M Nowers, Primary School Sector