



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

Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Agenda Work Programme 2014-2015

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Education, Skills and Children's Services Committee Dates 2014-2015

The new meeting dates are:

1st July 2014 10am
8th September 2014 10am (Special Meeting)
~~23rd September 2014 10am~~ 7th October 2014 10am
4th November 2014 10am
19th November 2014 1pm
9th December 2014 10am
27 January 2015 10am
10 March 2015 10am
7 April 2015 10am (this is Easter holidays)

2015 Dates

12 May 2015 10am
16 June 2015 10am

22 September 2015 10am
 3 November 2015 10am
 8 December 2015 10am

Priority Topics for 2014-2015

The priority topics that have been identified to be agreed by the Committee are:

1. Children's voice – participation (including consultation of children in care)
2. Internet Safety – policies and measures in place to protect children from dangerous influences on the internet.
3. The Ofsted inspection framework for children's services
4. Placements of children in care (fostering)
5. Child Protection
6. The Ofsted inspection framework for local authority arrangements for supporting school improvement / (Improving schools through effective local accountability / Strengthening the role of councils and councillors in the local school system)
7. Progress to Good and Outstanding – how are schools progressing to achieve the higher Ofsted rankings
8. Early Help (early help and yearly intervention services available, for children and families)
9. Children, Ready for School / Early Years (school readiness)
10. Special Educational Needs (SEN) - the Children and Families Act has introduced changes to the approach to SEN including provision up to the age of 25.

1st July 2014

10am

Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, New County Hall, Aylesbury

Topic / Description	Evidence	Witnesses
<p>Questions to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills</p> <p>To question the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills on issues across his portfolio.</p>		<p>Mike Appleyard - Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention</p>

<p>The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Priorities for 2014-2015</p> <p>Questions on the Children and Young People Joint Portfolio Plan, focusing on the Education and Skills portfolio.</p>	<p>The Joint Education, Skills and Children's Services Portfolio Plan 2014-2015.</p>	<p>Cllr Mr Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Sue Imbriano - Strategic Director, Children and Young People Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention</p>
<p>The Children and Young Peoples Plan.</p> <p>Questions on the Children and Young Peoples Plan, focusing on the Children's Services portfolio.</p>	<p>The Children and Young Peoples Plan</p>	<p>Sue Imbriano – Strategic Director CYP David Johnston – Consultant - TBC Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Ed Mallam - Head of Children's Partnerships Donald McPhail - Independent Chairman, Bucks Safeguarding Children Board Coral McGookin - Business Manager Bucks Safeguarding Children Board.</p>
<p>The Buckinghamshire Children's Safeguarding Board.</p> <p>To question the Chairman of the Children's Safeguarding Board.</p>		<p>Sue Imbriano – Strategic Director CYP David Johnston – Consultant – TBC Donald McPhail – Chairman of the Children's Safeguarding Board</p>
<p>Educational Standards</p> <p>To question The Cabinet Member, Chief officers and the Bucks Learning Trust on educational attainment performance across Buckinghamshire.</p>	<p>A report on the attainment performance of Buckinghamshire schools at various Key Stages in 2012-2013.</p>	<p>Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Raza Khan – Chief Executive – Bucks Learning Trust Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust Rafiq Raga - The Muslim Parents Association</p>
<p>Families First</p> <p>Questions on the Families First Programme for “troubled families” in Buckinghamshire.</p>		<p>Sue Imbriano – Strategic Director CYP Joy Shakespeare – Head of Family Resilience Gordon Vincent – CYP Consultant</p>
<p>Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-2015</p> <p>To review and agree the committee work</p>		<p>Val Letheren – Chairman of the ESCSSC Michael Carr – Scrutiny Policy Officer</p> <p>Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member Education and Skills David Martin – Deputy Cabinet Member Children's Services</p>

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8th September 2014 10am (Special Meeting)		
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The Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services Questions to the Cabinet Member, The Strategic Director of Children's Services, and the Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safer Children Board on the recent Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services.	The Ofsted Inspection Report <i>Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and Review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board.</i>	Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services. Sue Imbriano – Strategic Director CYP David Johnston – Service Director Child &, CYP - Children & Family Service (Acting) Donald McPhail – Chairman of the Children's Safeguarding Board.
7th October 2014 10am <i>Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, New County Hall, Aylesbury</i>		
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Questions to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services To question the Cabinet Member for Children's Services on issues across her portfolio.		Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services.
The Cabinet Member for Children's Services Priorities for 2014-2015 Questions on the Children and Young People Joint Portfolio Plan, focusing on the Children's Services portfolio.		Cllr Ms Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services Ed Mallam - Head of Children's Partnerships

<p>The Children and Young Peoples Plan.</p> <p>Questions on the Children and Young Peoples Plan, focusing on the Children's Services portfolio.</p>		<p>Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services. Ed Mallam - Head of Children's Partnerships</p>
<p>The Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services.</p> <p>Questions on the Draft Improvement Plan Prior to submission to Ofsted.</p>	<p>A report on the Children's Services Draft Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services. David Johnston – Service Director Child &, CYP - Children & Family Service (Acting)</p>
<p>Performance Reports – Children's Services Portfolio – Quarter 1.</p> <p>Questions to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and chief officers on Children's Services performance for the first quarter 2014-2015.</p>		<p>Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services. Ed Mallam - Head of Children's Partnerships</p>
<p>The Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-15.</p> <p>For the Committee to agree it's updated Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.</p>	<p>The Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.</p>	<p>Mrs Val Letheren – Chairman Mr Michael Carr – Scrutiny Policy Officer</p>
<p>4th November 2014 10am</p> <p><i>Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, New County Hall, Aylesbury</i></p>		
<p>Topic / Description</p>	<p>Evidence</p>	<p>Witnesses</p>
<p>The Ofsted inspection framework for local authority arrangements for supporting school improvement</p> <p>Questions on the Ofsted inspection framework for local authority</p>	<p>A report on the Ofsted inspection framework for local authority arrangements for supporting school improvement.</p>	<p>Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Raza Khan – Chief Executive – Bucks Learning Trust Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust</p>

arrangements for supporting school improvement.		Sarah Holding - School Relationship Manag, CYP - Learning Skills & Prevention.
Adult Education and Skills Governance Consideration of the governance arrangements for Adult Education and Skills in Buckinghamshire.	A report to provide background information on the governance arrangements for Adult Education and Skills in Buckinghamshire, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and background • Governance structure: format, membership & terms of reference • Key reports for Board meetings • Financial budget for 2014/15 academic year and necessary budget virements • Service plan for 2014/15 • Ofsted questions for governors & identified issues around leadership and management. 	Bill Bendyshe-Brown – Deputy Cabinet Member Education and Skills.
Narrowing the Gap For the Committee to receive a report and to ask questions on the implementation of the Narrowing the Gap Select Committee Inquiry agreed recommendations.	A report and to ask questions on the implementation of the Narrowing the Gap Select Committee Inquiry agreed recommendations.	Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Raza Khan – Chief Executive – Bucks Learning Trust Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust
The Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-15. For the Committee to agree it's updated Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.	The Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.	Mrs Val Letheren – Chairman Mr Michael Carr – Scrutiny Policy Officer
19th November 2014		
<i>School Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors</i> - Primary School Heads, Secondary School Heads, Buckinghamshire Association of School Governors		
Improving Children's Services Inquiry Evidence towards the Select Committee		David Johnston <i>School Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors</i>

Inquiry into Improving Children's Services – the role of school partners.		
Children's Internet Safety Inquiry Evidence towards the Select Committee Inquiry Children's Internet Safety – the role of school partners.		<i>School Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors</i>
From Good to Outstanding How are schools progressing to achieve the higher Ofsted rankings? Oral evidence from key stakeholders.	A report to explain how schools can progress to achieve the higher Ofsted rankings.	Raza Khan – Chief Executive – Bucks Learning Trust Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust <i>School Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors</i>
Secondary Transfer Test (11 Plus) Results Analysis Consideration of the Secondary Transfer Test (11 Plus) results and analysis.	A report to present the Secondary Transfer Test (11 Plus) results and analysis.	Raza Khan – Chief Executive – Bucks Learning Trust Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust. <i>School Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors</i>
9th December 2014 (deadline for papers 26 th November 2014) 10am <i>Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, New County Hall, Aylesbury</i>		
Topic / Description	Evidence	Witnesses
Improving Children's Services Inquiry To receive the Cabinet Response to the Select Committee Chairman's Letter of Recommendation to the Cabinet 20 th October 2014 on the Draft Children's Services Improvement Plan and BSCB Improvement Plan.		Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services Mr Trevor Boyd – Strategic Director, Children and Young People Service David Johnston – Service Director Child &, CYP - Children & Family Service
Children's Internet Safety Questions to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services on children's internet safety.		Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services Mr Trevor Boyd – Strategic Director, Children and Young People Service Simon Billness – Chairman of the Children's Internet Safety BSCB subcommittee.

<p>The Buckinghamshire Learning Trust Performance Review (1)</p> <p>For the Committee to receive a report and to ask questions on the performance of the Buckinghamshire Learning Trust over its first year of operation.</p>		<p>Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust.</p>
<p>Children’s Health Commissioning</p> <p>To consider the changes required to the delivery of children’s health commissioning next year.</p>		<p>Jane O’Grady – Director of Public Health</p>
<p>Special Educational Needs (SEN)</p> <p>Consideration of Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision in Buckinghamshire and the delivery of the Children and Families Act has introduced changes to the approach to SEN including provision up to the age of 25.</p>		<p>Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust Shurrock, Gillian - Head of SEN, CYP - Learning Skills & Prevention</p>
<p>Performance Reports – Children’s Services Portfolio and Education and Skills Portfolio – Quarter 2.</p> <p>Questions to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and chief officers on Education, Skills and Children’s Services performance for the second quarter 2014-2015.</p>		<p>Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services. Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust Ed Mallam - Head of Children's Partnerships.</p>
<p>The Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-15.</p> <p>For the Committee to agree it’s updated Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.</p>	<p>The Education, Skills and Children’s Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.</p>	
<p>27 January 2015</p>		

10am

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<p>Young People Ready for Work To review the implementation and outcomes arising from the agreed recommendations of the Young People Ready for Work Select Committee Inquiry.</p>	<p>Young People Ready for Work Select Committee Inquiry report</p>	<p>Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention John Everson – Commissioning and Development Manager. Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust.</p>
<p>The Children’s Services Improvement Plan. To receive an update on the status and implementation of the Children’s Services Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>A report to update the committee on progress of implementation of the Children’s Services Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>Lin Hazell – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services David Johnston – Strategic Director, Children and Young People Service Frances Gosling-Thomas – Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board.</p>
<p>Children’s Services Leadership, Governance and Partnerships (1) To consider leadership, governance and partnerships for Children’s Services (Workstream 1 of the Children’s Services Improvement Plan), with questions to the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, the Strategic Director, Children and Young People Service and the new Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board.</p>		<p>Martin Tett – Leader of the Council Lin Hazell – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services David Johnston – Strategic Director, Children and Young People Service Frances Gosling-Thomas – Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board</p>
<p>Improving quality of Social Work Practice To consider the progress in improving quality of Social work practice</p>	<p>A report to consider the progress in improving quality of Social work practice (cross referenced to Workstream 2 of the Children’s Services Improvement Plan).</p>	<p>Carole Douch – Service Director Child and Family Service (and Leader of Workstream 2 of the Children’s Services Improvement Plan).</p>

<p>Foster Care in Buckinghamshire To consider foster care in Buckinghamshire, including the quality and experience of fostering, appointment of foster carers and placements strategy.</p>		<p>Carole Douch – Service Director Child and Family Service</p> <p>Practicing foster carers</p>
<p>Children’s Internet Safety To agree the report and recommendations of the Children’s Internet Safety Select Committee Inquiry.</p>	<p>Draft report and recommendations of the Children’s Internet Safety Select Committee Inquiry.</p>	<p>Val Letheren – Chairman of the Education, Skills and Children’s Services Select Committee Lin Hazell – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services Simon Billenness – Chairman of the Children’s Internet Safety BSCB subcommittee. Michael Carr – Scrutiny Policy Officer</p>
<p>The Buckinghamshire Learning Trust Performance Review (2) For the Committee to receive a report and to ask questions on the performance of the Buckinghamshire Learning Trust over its first year of operation.</p>	<p>A report on BLT accounts.</p>	<p>Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust. Michael Brent – Director of Finance – Bucks Learning Trust.</p>
<p>The Education, Skills and Children’s Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-15. For the Committee to agree it’s updated Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.</p>	<p>The Education, Skills and Children’s Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.</p>	
<p>10 March 2015 10am</p> <p><i>Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, New County Hall, Aylesbury</i></p>		
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<p>The Children’s Services Improvement Plan. To receive an update on the status and implementation of the Children’s Services Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>A report to update the committee on progress of implementation of the Children’s Services Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>Lin Hazell – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services David Johnston – Strategic Director, Children and Young People Service Frances Gosling-Thomas – Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board.</p>

<p>Social Worker Staff Retention and Recruitment To consider children's social care social worker recruitment and retention strategies Workstream 3 Improving pay, conditions, training Leader Sarah Harris</p>		<p>Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Sarah Harris</p>
<p>Improving Early Help and the Front Door Workstream 4 Improving early help and the front door</p>		<p>Amanda Obourne, Joy Shakespeare</p>
<p>Educational Support for Service Children To consider the educational support for children of service men and women in Buckinghamshire.</p>	<p>A report to provide a brief overview of the educational support for children of service men and women in Buckinghamshire.</p>	<p>Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention.</p>
<p>Performance Reports – Children's Services Portfolio and Education and Skills Portfolio – Quarter 3. Questions to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and chief officers on Education, Skills and Children's Services performance for the third quarter 2014-2015.</p>		<p>Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children's Services. Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust Ed Mallam - Head of Children's Partnerships.</p>
<p>The Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-15. For the Committee to agree it's updated Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.</p>	<p>The Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2014-2015.</p>	
<p>7 April 2015 10am</p>		

Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, New County Hall, Aylesbury

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<p>The Children's Services Improvement Plan. To receive an update on the status and implementation of the Children's Services Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>A report to update the committee on progress of implementation of the Children's Services Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>Lin Hazell – Cabinet Member for Children's Services David Johnston – Strategic Director, Children and Young People Service Frances Gosling-Thomas – Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board.</p>
<p>Education, Skills and Children's Services Re-Configuration and Future Shape To consider the education, skills and children's services re-configuration and Future Shape, including an update on the legacy of the Munro Programme.</p>		<p>Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust.</p>
<p>Children's Services Leadership, Governance and Partnerships (1) To consider leadership, governance and partnerships for Children's Services (Workstream 1 of the Children's Services Improvement Plan), with questions to the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, the Strategic Director, Children and Young People Service and the new Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board.</p>		<p>Martin Tett – Leader of the Council Lin Hazell – Cabinet Member for Children's Services David Johnston – Strategic Director, Children and Young People Service Frances Gosling-Thomas – Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board</p>
<p>Improving Services on the Edge of Care To consider improving services on the edge of care , in care and permanence planning (Workstream 5).</p>	<p>A brief report on progress on improving services on the edge of care , in care and permanence planning (Workstream 5).</p>	
<p>Narrowing the Gap For the Committee to receive a report and</p>	<p>A report and to ask questions on the implementation of the Narrowing the</p>	<p>Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills</p>

to ask questions on the implementation of the Narrowing the Gap Select Committee Inquiry agreed recommendations.	Gap Select Committee Inquiry agreed recommendations.	Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust.
Educational Standards in Buckinghamshire For the Committee to consider a report on educational attainment across the County and to question the Cabinet Member	A report on educational attainment across the County.	Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust The Muslim Parents Association. Local Schools.
Performance Reports – Children’s Services Portfolio and Education and Skills Portfolio – Quarter 4. Questions to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and chief officers on Education, Skills and Children’s Services performance for the forth quarter 2014-2015.		Mrs Angela Macpherson – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services. Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust Ed Mallam - Head of Children's Partnerships.
Key Issues for Overview and Scrutiny To consider the key issues for overview and scrutiny within the purview of the Select Committee for 2015-2016 to identify topics for the Education, Skills and Children’s Services Select Committee Annual Work Programme 2015-16 to be agreed at the next meeting.	A brief report to consider the key issues for overview and scrutiny within the purview of the Select Committee for 2015-2016	Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Chris Munday - Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention Amanda Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust
2015-2016		
Topic / Description	Evidence	Witnesses
Workstream 6 Improving tools Leader Carole Douch		Carole Douch

2015 Dates

12 May 2015 10am

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22 September 2015 10am

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