



Education Strategy Update

Children and Education Scrutiny Committee

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Education Strategy Development

- Currently reviewing and updating the Education Strategy and Action Plan following the appointment of new Service Director.
- Full survey undertaken with schools to help shape the services the LA provide and learn from feedback – 65 responses from school – **‘PCC as leading the local education system’**
- Shared Services programme under way – considering ways in which Peterborough and Cambridgeshire can work together to provide services with greater capacity, better quality services which have innovation and provide value for money.
- Full revision and update on action plan for the 2018/19 academic year to be shared with the committee in November in light of 2018 results.

Update on Action Plan

Create a Strategic Board for Education, Further Education and Skills to drive forward improvements and develop further the school led system across the two authorities

- Meeting with Peterborough Primary Heads in September to talk about their views on how to take this forward.
- Re-establishing the Education Performance Clinic to provide greater insight in performance and challenge to officers on progress – need to review membership from Scrutiny Committee

Review structures and support arrangements for governance in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to ensure effective challenge and support arrangements are in place to drive school improvement

- Being undertaken as part of shared services project. Governor conference held in June with 100 attendees including those new to governance.
- Governor recruitment website being developed

Create communications strategy and run a high profile media campaign to raise public awareness of education successes and challenges

- Positive discussions with local media and a media plan has been established for the year. Pro-forma developed for capturing good news in schools.



Update on Action Plan

Create robust and effective system to collect and analyse data that is easily accessible and interpreted across the education system

- Meeting held with Headteachers in June and a set of action developed including the appointment of a project manager. Existing system use to be strengthened and further developments in the data we share with schools in the autumn including question level analysis reports and school profiles reinstated.

Schedule in regular meetings with Ofsted Senior HMI / Develop joint training programme with Ofsted

- Meetings planned for September. Engagement with the Regional HMI in summer term.

Improve recruitment and retention of teachers across the county

- TeachPeterborough website reinvigorated and a working group being formed with Headteachers to review strategy for recruitment and retention working with Cambridgeshire. This will include an intern teacher training programme – developing people in Peterborough.

Emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people in and out of education

Develop a strategic approach to improving the attainment of vulnerable learners

- Both areas are the focus on the Vulnerable Pupils Group which is developing an action plan to look at how to best support these groups and accelerate outcomes.

Examine pupil mobility in schools against the wider national and local context

- Links made with Newham. Further analysis of 2018 outcome data will focus on challenge and how to address the changes in mobility especially with the impact of leaving Europe.

Monitor progress of the SEND action plan following inspection in March 2017 in Cambridgeshire and prospective inspection in Peterborough.

- Continues to be a focus internally and with partners. Headteacher Reference Group for SEND to be formed



Key Activities underway....

- School Readiness – bridging early years and school effectiveness.
- Being clear with schools and settings on our expectations for how we work with SEND – developing a ‘can do’ approach and making everyone feel welcome and included.
- Joint SEND strategy with Cambs and dealing with the challenge of population and need - education, health and social care.
- Improving outcomes for SEND Support – SEND Review Process
- More schools signing up for Attendance support
- Launching our approach to managing the challenge of school place planning.



Other Emerging Areas of Focus

- CEO Forum meeting with all Chief Execs in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. Likely to continue in the autumn.
- University need to form part of the action plan report – key focus for driving aspirations in schools.
- Key focus in new academic year on Phonics – working closely with Newham Teaching Schools and sharing best practice in schools.
- The need to pull together the fragmented education landscape for the benefit of children in Peterborough.



Successes...

- Improving our performance with Ofsted – both in schools and settings.
- Successfully restructured the School Standards and Effectiveness and Special Educational Needs divisions of Education Services.
- Established and embedded a Peterborough Vision for Reading.
- “We believe, based on feedback from parents, that EHC planning meetings are far more inclusive than ever before”

Successes Cont'd

- 100% transfer of statements to EHCP by deadline – only LA in the Eastern Region.
- Issuing 90% of EHCs in 20 weeks: “Yes- Whilst stretched at times, we think the SEN Service do a fantastic job”
- Monitoring and moderations of NC assessment well regarded both in schools and across the region.
- Managing one of the most dynamic school and setting infrastructure provision on the country.
- Diminishing resource with increasing demand – and we still deliver. It is about the quality of the staff.

Early Years % of Settings Good or Better

All Provision		Childminders		Childcare on Non-Domestic	
National	94	National	94	National	95
Derby	98	Peterborough	98	Peterborough	97
Telford and Wrekin	98	Derby	98	Derby	97
Peterborough	97	Southend on Sea	98	Southend on Sea	97
Southend on Sea	97	Telford and Wrekin	98	Coventry	97
Bolton	95	Portsmouth	96	Telford and Wrekin	96
Coventry	94	Walsall	95	Bolton	95
Plymouth	94	Bolton	95	Plymouth	94
Portsmouth	94	Coventry	93	Portsmouth	92
Sheffield	93	Plymouth	93	Sheffield	92
Southampton	93	Sheffield	93	Southampton	92
Walsall	93	Southampton	93	Walsall	88



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