

Purpose

1. To provide the Education Standing Committee with the opportunity to consider the future work programme.

Information

2. The Education Standing Committee is responsible for co-ordinating a programme of scrutiny work, monitoring and influencing developments in education and training across the county. This includes considering issues the Overview Committee has prioritised for review. The Education Standing Committee will examine prioritised issues, agreeing the focus and scope for each review.
3. Currently the Education Standing Committee is undertaking a review of apprenticeships and a working group has just completed which considered the feasibility of merging all activities associated with the provision of school meals.
4. Information relating to the attainment of Looked After Children and the performance of boys will be presented at April meeting. In addition Member appointments to school governing bodies will also be discussed.
5. The proposed visit to Mansfield Magistrates Court in February did not take place as there were only two non attendance cases listed and these were amalgamated into other courts. The next date for

attendance cases to be heard is the afternoon of the 17th March and cases are scheduled for this date. A number of Members expressed an interest in this visit which will give an opportunity to question legal advisors and view how attendance cases are dealt with.

Recommendations

6. It is recommended that the Education Standing Committee:
 - agree the programme of work for 2009 -10
 - agree the visit to Mansfield Magistrates Court.

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Background papers:

Nil