

Education and Skills Board

Strategic objective for 2015/16

Our aim: to focus on how life-long educational opportunity in Surrey matches educational needs and aspirations of its residents, and how the Council's strategic goals of wellbeing, economic prosperity and resident experience align in relation to these.

How we will achieve this: The Education and Skills Board will conduct a range of scrutiny inquiries that will focus on the following five key themes:

- **Demographic trends** – School place planning, educational need and trends in the demand for types of provision
- **Work and prosperity** – GCSE choices, career information, advice and guidance, apprenticeships, adult community learning, school leavers
- **Attainment and outcomes** – school results, narrowing the attainment gap, use of pupil premium
- **Wellbeing and Social Care issues** – SEND, children at risk, early help, safeguarding in schools (to include representation from the Social Care Services Board and Wellbeing and Health Scrutiny Board)
- **Performance and Finance** – budget monitoring, using the Council's performance reporting to identify any arising issues (power to refer to other groups)

Each of these groups will have its own terms of reference and report to the Education and Skills Board, which will act as a steering group and central point to collate information.

