



Education & Skills Board
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Surrey Education in Partnership

Purpose of the report: Policy Development

To share plans to work in partnership with schools to develop a new education and skills offer for Surrey.

To identify opportunities for the Education & Skills Board to support this work.

Introduction

1. The Government's future education policy and proposed changes to education funding are seeking to transform the education system and, with it, roles and responsibilities.
2. It is vital that Surrey's education community understands the changes ahead and their likely impact in order to co-design a sustainable system.
3. The council is proposing to work in partnership with schools to develop a new, sustainable education and skills offer for Surrey that will raise the achievement of vulnerable children and young people and ensure all children and young people are safe, secure and able to learn.
4. As part of this process, the council will be refreshing its vision and re-defining its role and responsibilities within Surrey's education and skills system.

Working in partnership

5. With 93% of its schools rated good or outstanding by Ofsted, Surrey has a strong foundation. It is important to build on this foundation and to continue working in partnership to improve outcomes for children and young people.

6. The support this partnership approach, the council is planning an engagement programme through the autumn school term, in which partners will be able to discuss key system-wide issues together.
7. Through this engagement programme, the council will also seek to support local conversations and, in the context of proposed changes, to help schools to find the right local solutions for them and their pupils.
8. The Education & Skills Board is invited to discuss the planned engagement and the wider Education in Partnership programme, and to consider how its members could contribute to the success of both.
9. To support this discussion, a presentation will be made to the Board at its meeting on 15 September 2016, providing information on the programme and the planned engagement.

Suggested recommendations:

10. That the Education & Skills Board:
 - a) note and comment on plans to engage with schools and other partners;
 - b) identify areas in which its members can support engagement and contribute to the success of the Education in Partnership programme.

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Sources/background papers:

- [Educational Excellence Everywhere](#) (DfE white paper)
- [Schools National Funding Formula: Government consultation – stage one](#)
- [High needs funding formula and other reforms: Government consultation – stage one](#)