

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Education Advisory Panel
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Title:	Update To Education Advisory Panel Terms of Reference
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide the Education Advisory Panel with a proposed update to the Terms of Reference for the Panel to consider before presenting to a meeting of the County Council for approval.
- 1.2 This update has been made in light of the Terms of Reference remaining unchanged since the Panel's inception in 2007, along with the changes to education policy since this time, particularly in relation to the County Council's role in educational provision.
- 1.3 The current Terms of Reference are attached as Annex 1 for ease of reference.
- 1.4 The proposed update to the Terms of Reference is attached as Annex 2.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Education Advisory Panel supports the proposed update to the Terms of Reference for consideration and approval by the County Council.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

N/A

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

N/A

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

N/A

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

N/A

Current Terms of Reference

Introduction

1. At its meeting on 22 November, 2007, the Council approved a proposal by the Leader of the Council to establish an Education Advisory Panel reporting to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (Education) principally concerning schools' performance and standards. The Leader accepted a suggestion that the Panel should comprise ten members, 6:3:1. The Leader proposed that the Council agreed that Councillor Mrs. P. West be appointed Chairman of the Advisory Panel. The Advisory Panel now proposes the following terms of reference for approval. In addition, the Advisory Panel makes proposals regarding the appointment of co-opted members.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended to the County Council:-

- a) That the terms of reference of the Education Advisory Panel ("the Panel") be as follows:
To advise the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (Education) in relation to:
 - (i) The development of further strategies that will place schools and other educational settings at the hub of delivery of Services for children, following the principles set out in Every Child Matters and the Children's Plan.
 - (ii) The performance of educational settings in the delivery of outcomes for children and young people 0-19.
 - (iii) The educational outcomes achieved by vulnerable children and young people including those listed in the children and Young People's Plan.
 - (iv) Excellent and innovative practise in educational settings from which others can learn.
 - (v) Schools and Education Centres identified by OFSTED as needing special measures or significant improvement.
 - (vi) Schools and Education Centres identified by the Local Authority which have particular issues that might lead to unacceptable outcomes for children and young people.
- b) That the membership of the Panel shall include four co-opted members.
- c) To delegate to the Secretary of the Hampshire Teachers' Liaison Panel, providing that he or she is an officer of the Authority, the power to appoint three co-opted members to the Panel subject to the requirement that those co-opted members must be representatives of the Hampshire Teachers' Liaison Panel.
- d) To appoint Mr. Stuart Juniper as a co-opted member of the Panel.

Terms of Reference

2. After consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (Education) and the Members nominated to serve on the Panel, the Terms of Reference above are recommended for the Council's approval.

Co-Opted Members

3. The Education Advisory Panel proposes that four co-opted members should be appointed to the Panel.

4. Discussions have taken place with John Gawthorpe, the Secretary of the Hampshire Teachers' Liaison Panel (HTLP) with a view to three of the co-opted members being representatives of the HTLP which itself represents various teaching associations. John Gawthorpe is also the Headteacher of a community school in the administrative area of the County Council and, as such, is an officer of the Authority.

5. In respect of the fourth co-opted member, the Panel proposes that Stuart Juniper, an Honorary Alderman, be appointed, as the Panel considers that his experience in advising the Council in respect of education matters will assist the Panel.

6. The County Council has reserved itself the function of making appointments to committees where proportionality rules do not apply (paragraph 4.1(f), Part 1, Chapter 4 of the Constitution). This is a function that can be delegated by the Council to a committee or to an officer of the Authority.

7. It is likely that the nature of the business coming to the Panel will require specialist input by different members of the HTLP. If each appointment of a co-opted member requires a resolution of the County Council, the ability of the Panel to respond to pressing issues will be impeded.

8. In these exceptional circumstances, in order to facilitate flexibility, the Panel requests that the County Council resolve to delegate to the Secretary of the HTLP, providing that he or she is an officer of the Authority, the power to appoint three co-opted members to the Panel subject to the requirement that those co-opted members must be representatives of the HTLP.

9. In respect of the fourth co-opted member, the Panel requests that the County Council appoint Mr. Stuart Juniper.

Proposed Terms of Reference

It is recommended the County Council approves:-

- a) That the terms of reference of the Education Advisory Panel (“the Panel”) be updated as follows:

The Education Advisory Panel is an Advisory Panel made up of 9 Members appointed proportionally and meeting three times a year towards the end of each school term. The Panel is chaired by the relevant Executive Member and its function is to advise the Executive Member in relation to:

- (i) Educational Outcomes of children and young people, including vulnerable children and young people, aged 0-19.
- (ii) Excellent and innovative practise in educational settings from which others can learn.
- (iii) To advise the Executive Member regarding significant changes to Education proposed both nationally and locally.

- b) The Education Advisory Panel proposes that six co-opted members should be appointed to the Panel.

- (i) The Director of Education for the Portsmouth and Winchester Diocese.
- (ii) The Director of Education for the Catholic Diocese.
- (iii) A representative of the Hampshire Teachers’ Liaison Panel (HTLP), which represents various teaching associations, proposed by the Secretary of the HTLP.
- (iv) A Primary School Headteacher nominated by the Primary School Headteacher’s Executive.
- (v) A Secondary School Headteacher nominated by the Secondary School Headteacher’ s Executive.
- (vi) A Special School Headteacher nominated by the Special School Headteacher’ s Executive.