

Children & Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

25 February 2025

Warwickshire Education Strategy 2024-2029 update

Recommendation

That the Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee notes the progress of the implementation of the Warwickshire Education Strategy 2024 – 2029 and its associated Delivery Plan.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks to update Members on the implementation and delivery of the Warwickshire Education Strategy 2024 – 2029.
- 1.2 The Warwickshire Education Strategy 2024 – 2029 was approved at Council on the 23rd July 2024 and formally launched at the Warwickshire Education Conference in October 2024.
- 1.3 The Strategy now operates as the key strategic driver for Warwickshire's Education Service, providing the foundation for all current and future work and nurturing a unified approach across the Council towards addressing the key challenges. It is focused on the delivery of the following four priorities:

Priority one: Best Start - To secure the very best start for all children in the county.

Priority Two: SEND and Inclusion - To encourage ambition, create opportunity, and support all learners to be the best they can be.

Priority Three: Sufficiency and Admissions - To ensure that Early Years, school and post 16 places are provided in the right place at the right time.

Priority Four: Strong System - To operate as strong systems leader across the county to strengthen, influence and develop high quality, inclusive education provision that is accessible to all.

- 1.4 It is further bolstered by a Strategic Pipeline consisting of additional supporting strategies which include:
 - The Warwickshire Education Sufficiency Strategy 2024 – 2029 which was approved by Council in July 2024.
 - The Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024 – 2029 which was approved by Cabinet in December 2024.

- The Early Years Integrated Plan which was approved by the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2025
 - The Warwickshire School Effectiveness Strategy 2025, which is currently in development.
 - The Outdoor Education Strategy 2022.
- 1.5 A Delivery Plan has been developed which has been updated for Quarter Three of 2024/25 (please note that this is the first full quarter that the Strategy has been in place); further details of can be found outlined in Appendix A (**Appendix A - Delivery Plan update Quarter Three 2024-25**). The Delivery Plan encompasses all elements of activity that has been, or is in the process of being implemented, including the specific projects that are being delivered within the Education Transformation Programme (ETP).
- 1.6 The impact of the Strategy is being measured via a range of performance indicators which directly impact and complement the Council Plan and its associated Key Business Measures.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 There is no direct budget assigned to the delivery of the Education Strategy 2024 – 2029. It is however supported by the Education Transformation Programme which has resources of £1.8m allocated towards its delivery during 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 and is further bolstered by £1m of Delivering Better Value (DBV) funding from the Department of Education for 2024/2025.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct environmental implications associated with the Strategy. However the Strategic Pipeline does encompass the current Outdoor Education Strategy 2022, the ambitions of which impact on the environment and include:
- *That all children and young people have access to and enjoy high-quality outdoor education and learning, appropriate for their age, ability, and experience.*
 - *That educators value and embed outdoor education and learning in their curriculum planning.*
 - *That education settings provide regular, frequent, enjoyable, and challenging opportunities for all children and young people to learn outdoors.*
 - *That a culture of outdoor education and learning is developed within all education settings, raising awareness of the importance of the outdoors for leisure and learning for both children and their families.*

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 The Delivery Plan for 2024/25 outlines a range of activities that are planned or already being implemented. It will be updated annually to reflect ongoing or new areas of work, along with any changes in national policy, emerging guidance, or statutory requirements.

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps.

- 5.1 The Delivery Plan for 2025/26 is in the process of being updated. It will be monitored on a quarterly basis, with a further progress report to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee provided in Autumn 2025.

Appendices

Appendix A – Warwickshire Education Strategy 2024 – 2029: Delivery Plan for Quarter Three.

Background Papers

There are no background papers supporting this report.

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