

LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

PROJECT PLAN FOR WORKING GROUP

TITLE: BETTER KEY STAGE 4

REMIT:

- Are we achieving value for money through our existing approach?
- How do we maintain improvement and ensure continuous improvement?
- What is the nature of Leadership in the Education system and in schools in particular?
- What is the nature of school support to drive improvement?
- Why do boys under perform and how do we narrow the gender gap in this regard?
- What are we doing about low ability achievement namely grades D to G?
- How do we support children not in school namely home /hospital issues, children excluded from school;
- What impact does socio- economic circumstances have on educational attainment?
- How do we compare with similar Local Authorities like Durham with Key stage 4 results?

WHEN	WHO	WHAT	HOW	WHY
Dates/Time/ Location	Key Witness	Evidence/Information	Meeting/Visit/ Correspondence/Briefing Paper/Research	Focus on Remit
31 July 2006	John Deller	Beyond Expectation (BETT)	Briefing	Scene Setting/ focus/challenge
Tuesday 12 September At 11am Room 3a	John Deller Head Teacher Stanley Janet Bridges	Leadership in the Education system and in schools in particular CONCLUSIONS:- Celebrate success; Resource implications; Managing change/performance management; Attendance and behaviour management; Leadership qualities	Meeting/Presentation	What are the challenges to Leadership in Education? How can leadership contribute to Maintaining improvement?
Mon 25 September at 11am Room 2	David Ford(TBC) John Deller	Leadership	Meeting/Presentation	How do you support schools toward an improvement agenda?
	Head Teacher Maureen Bates St. Bedes School	The nature of School Improvement/school support		
	School improvement Service	Strategic support-BETT- is crucial; HR implications in schools; support for leaders in schools.		
Wed 11 October at 11am Room 4	John Deller Maureen Clare Jane Le Sage	Lower ability achievement; Children not in school. IMPACT Looked After Children Pupil Referral Unit Home and Hospital Education Conclusion: Targeted resource and support to individuals/alternative curriculum	Meeting/Presentation	How do we support this group of pupils?

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Tues 31 October in the morning VISIT	John Deller plus others Framwellgate Moor	Aspirational Audit-following school improvement adviser on a school visit Conclusion: Leadership in action	Visit (Names of members required)	School improvement process in action
Thurs 16 November at 11am room 2	Kim Jobson Head of HR DCC	Human Resource Issues	Meeting/Presentation	Why do boys under achieve and how can we redress the imbalance?
	John Deller and BETT Head Teacher Toni Spoons/Judith Wilkinson? (Curriculum Change)	Narrowing the gender gap		
28 and 29 November Dates not in diary	Possible Attendance at an Education Conference in Durham	Opportunity for members to network with all the Heads in County Durham	Education Conference	All of remit applies
Tuesday 5 December at 10am room 3b	Maths-Keith Belshaw History- TBC Business Studies (TBC) Teachers to be identified	Sharing examples of good practice locally	Meeting/Presentation	What can we learn from what has been tried?
Friday 22 December at 11am room 1b	John Deller and BETT Invite an academic input Northumbria plus plus	Socio-economic issues and their impact on key stage 4	Meeting/Presentation	What impact does socio- economic circumstances have on educational attainment?
Thursday 4 January at 11am room 2	Christina Blythe Gill Eshelby	COSIP	Meeting/Presentation	Are we getting value for money through approaches we invest in?

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Friday 19 January at 10am room 1b	John Deller and BETT	Compare with similar Local Authorities like Durham with Key stage 4 results	Meeting/Presentation	How do we compare with other LA`s in our region?
	Gill Eshelby	DVD is about young people's experiences & interpretations of anti-social behaviour		
FEBRUARY Dates	Source Independent/External advisor	Recap/ other Evidence needed Conclusions/ Recommendations		
Jan/Feb	School /school council visit meeting with teachers, governors and pupils			
PROPOSED VISITS: A) 9 November (TBC):- Aspirational Audit- following school improvement adviser on a school visit	John we need to revisit this date I think. Can you let me have a list of planned AA visits please			