

COMMITTEE	Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee
DATE	January 23 rd 2018
TITLE	Possible scrutiny investigation into 'the effect of new school build developments on the quality of education'
PURPOSE	Establish the principle of undertaking a scrutiny investigation into the matter and identify members.
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1. The committee is aware that the work of the Scrutiny Working Group on the Youth Service has come to an end as the report is presented to the Scrutiny Committee today.
2. In accordance with the customary arrangements, the Committee must now identify an area for the next possible scrutiny investigation.
3. A number of members have raised questions about whether we are clear if developments over the past few years at the county's schools have had a positive effect on the pupils' education – whether they be developments of new school buildings, and / or new schools. The questions focus on the effect of the new provision on the quality of the education and the experiences of pupils; enquiring if the financial investment has led to an increase in quality, and if there are any best practice or lessons to be learned as the development programme continues.
4. Before commencing further work and developing a full brief for the investigation, the Committee is asked to adopt the principles of carrying out an investigation into this area.
5. The Committee is also asked to identify up to 5 members to participate in the work.
6. The full brief, the timetable and identifying recourse to support the investigation will be develop over the coming weeks.
7. Recommendation - The committee is asked to:
 - a. Adopt the principle of carrying out a possible investigation into 'the effect of new school build developments on the quality of education'
 - b. Identify 5 members to participate in the investigation