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To: Resources and Infrastructure Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the progress to establish the Select Committee on Extended Services.

Select Committee: Extended Services (previously titled Extended Schools)

1. (1) The Select Committee on Extended Services held its inaugural meeting on 19 March 2010 when it agree its terms of reference (copy attached). The membership of the Committee is Mr Robert Burgess (Chairman), Mrs Ann Allen, Mr Alan Chell, Mrs Jean Law, Mr Richard Parry, Mr Ken Pugh, Mr Kit Smith and Mr Martin Vye.

(2) At the meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 24 February 2010 it was agreed that the timeframe for this review would be extended and that it would present its report to County Council in December 2010.

(3) Regular update reports will be submitted to the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees (POSCs) to keep Members informed of the progress of the Select Committee.

Suggestions for Select Committee Topic Reviews

2. At the meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 24 February 2010 Members received an update on the current Select Committee topic review programme. Although resources to support reviews are all currently allocated, there would be the potential to start new reviews in November 2010 and January 2011. It was agreed that Members would be asked to consider whether there are any topics that they would like to put forward for consideration for inclusion in the future topic review programme. If Members do have any suggestions could they contact the Democratic Services Officer for this POSC.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to note the report and to advise the Democratic Services Officer of any items that they would like to suggest for inclusion in the Select Committee topic review programme

Select Committee on Extended Services

Terms of Reference

1. To identify aspects of the Extended Services programme in Kent that are proving to have the greatest impact and benefit for the community, and that are most likely to be sustainable in the future.
2. To explore ways - if any – in which collaboration and partnership working between all organisations involved in providing Extended Services in Kent can be improved.
3. To investigate any obstacles and challenges to the progress of Extended Services and the development of the concept of the “school that never sleeps”, particularly those that may prevent closer partnership working and could threaten sustainability. To identify possible solutions to overcome these challenges.
4. To analyse whether resources for Extended Services within Kent County Council, and across schools and other partner organisations, are deployed in the most efficient and effective manner.
5. For the Extended Services Select Committee to make recommendations after having gathered evidence and information throughout the review.