

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

To: Customer and Communities Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: To update the Committee on the current topic review programme that relates to the remit of this Committee and to invite suggestions for future Select Committee topic reviews.

Select Committee Topic Reviews

Student Journey

1. The Student Journey Select Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr Kit Smith has completed its evidence gathering sessions with key stakeholders. The Select Committee met on 24 November 2011 to agree draft recommendations. The report is currently being drafted and the first draft will be considered by the Select Committee on 28 February 2012. Once the Select Committee are happy with the report it will be shared with the relevant Cabinet Members. The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (POSC) will receive the executive summary of the report at their meeting on 21 March 2012 for endorsement, prior to submission to the Cabinet and County Council in May 2012.

Domestic Abuse

2. Background research is currently being carried out for the new Select Committee on Domestic Abuse (Chairman designate Mr J Kirby) which was proposed by this POSC. The inaugural meeting of the Select Committee has yet to be arranged. An update on the progress of the Select Committee will be reported to the March meeting of the POSC.

Suggestions for Select Committee topic reviews

3. (1) If existing reporting timetables are adhered to, resources will become available to start two new Select Committee reviews in May 2012. If Members have any topics that they would like to put forward for consideration by the Scrutiny Board for inclusion in the future topic review programme, they should contact the Democratic Services Officer for this POSC.

<p>3. Recommendation Members are asked to note the Select Committee topic review update 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</p>
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