

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: CFE: Resources and Infrastructure Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 19 November 2009

Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

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Report Type: Monitoring

Summary: This report updates Members on the progress with establishing a Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme 2009/2010.

Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme

1. (1) At its meeting on 16 October the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee (POCC) considered all the suggestions put forward by Members and Officers for possible Select Committee Topic Reviews. The Proposers of the review, Officers and the Cabinet Member or their Deputy's were given the opportunity to put forward their views on the proposals.

(2) The POCC agreed that the following topics would form part of the work programme for 2009/10:-

- Extended Schools
- Renewable Energy – What should Kent's role be?
- Dementia
- Educational Attainment of Pupils and Schools in Areas of High Deprivation

(3) If resources allow, there may be a short piece of work on Intergenerational Interaction, if this is the case then the CFE Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees (POSCs) will be kept informed of progress.

(4) The two Select Committee Topic Reviews agreed, which are within the remit of the CFE and under the Learning and Development POSC are the topic reviews on Extended Schools (which would be a joint review lead by Communities POSC) and Educational Attainment of Pupils and Schools in Areas of High Deprivation. It is anticipated that the Select Committee on Learning and Development POSC will start its work in February/March 2010 and submit its report to County Council on 22 July 2010. The Select Committee for Education Attainment and Schools in Areas of High Deprivation is programmed to start its work in June.

(5) Regular update reports will be submitted to the CFE POSCs to keep Members informed of the progress of the Select Committees.

Informal Member Group (IMG) for Special Educational Needs (SEN) Transport

At the last meeting of this Committee held on 18 September it was agreed that an Informal Member Group be set up to review SEN Transport. Two Members from each of the CFE POSCs were nominated. The Membership of the IMG is Mr Horne, Mr Tolputt, Mr Sweetland and Miss Kemsley and Mr Chittenden. The first meeting of the IMG will be held on Friday, 20 November 2009. Regular updates will be submitted to future meetings of this Committee to keep Members informed of progress.

Recommendation

2. Members are asked to:
 - (a) note the topics to be included in the new Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme 2009/2010; and
 - (b) Note that an IMG for SEN Transport has been set and will meet on 20 November 2009

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