

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Corporate Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee
1 July 2010

Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

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

Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme

1. (1) There are currently no Select Committee topic reviews in the work programme which fall under the remit of this Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(2) The work programme consists of the following:-

- Renewable Energy – which has started its work and is due to submit its final report to the County Council in October 2010
- Extended Services (previously called Extended Schools) – which has started its work and is due to submit its final report to the County Council in December 2010.
- Educational Attainment of Pupils and Schools in Areas of High Deprivation – which is due to start its work in the autumn of 2010
- Dementia which is due to start work in the autumn of 2010 and report to County Council in April 2011.

Select Committee: Accessing Democracy

2. This Select Committee met on 15 June 2010, under the Chairmanship of Mr D Brazier, and received a report on progress made with the recommendations since the Select Committee reported to County Council in March 2009. A copy of the minutes from this meeting is attached as Appendix 1 and the update on progress on recommendations is attached as Appendix 2.

Suggestions for Select Committee topic reviews

3. 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.

3. Recommendations

(1) Members are asked to note the progress made with the recommendations from the Select Committee review on Accessing Democracy.

(2) Members are asked to note the current Select Committee topic review programme 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

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