

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Adult Social Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Subject: **UPDATE ON SELECT COMMITTEE WORK**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on current and future Select Committee work and invites suggestions for future Select Committee Topic Reviews.

Select Committee work now completed - Renewable Energy and Extended Services

1. The final reports of both of these Select Committees were considered by the County Council on 16 December 2010.

Work currently underway – Dementia Select Committee

2. ASSPOSC is the 'parent' committee for this review. By the time of the POSC meeting, the Select Committee will have met to elect its Chairman (the Chairman Designate is Trudy Dean) and agree its Terms and Reference, scope and way forward. It will then contact voluntary organisations, carers and others, to announce the review and invite participation. A similar invitation has already gone out to staff via Yammer, and everyone who responded has been contacted. In addition, a focus group will be brought together to act as a point of reference for the review. It is planned that this group will input into the scope and the recommendations.

3. To gain a grounding in the subject, prior to holding its formal evidence-gathering hearings, the Committee will have a briefing from KASS officers on 26 January about future planned services and best practice. It is hoped that a similar briefing from Health can be arranged, and a number of visits will take place during February, to a range of establishments and groups across the County. Hearings and meetings are planned for March, after which a gap is planned to accommodate local election activity in April and early May. This gap will allow time to meet with the focus group, to take stock of evidence so far and identify any further evidence requirements. This time could also be used to engage individuals/groups who have responded to the initial contacts, perhaps by questionnaire.

4. The contacts in Democratic Services for this Select Committee are: Research Officer Sue Frampton (01622 694993) and Democratic Services Officer Christine Singh (01622 694334).

Future Select Committee Work

- **Educational Attainment of Pupils and Schools in Areas of High Deprivation** – starting work now. The contacts in Democratic Services for this Select Committee are: Research Officer Pippa Cracknell (01622 694178) and Assistant Democratic Services Manager Denise Fitch (01622 694269).
- **The Student Journey** – due to start work in Spring 2011. The contacts in Democratic Services for this Select Committee are: Research Officer Gaetano Romagnuolo (01622 694292) and Democratic Services Officer Theresa Grayell (01622 694277).

Suggestions for Select Committee Topic Reviews

5. If Members have any suggestions of topics they would like to put forward for consideration for inclusion in the future topic review work programme, they should contact the Democratic Services Officer for this POSC.

Recommendation:-

6. Members are asked to note the successful completion of the work of the Renewable Energy and Extended Services Select Committees and the new Topic Review work which is now starting, or soon to start, and to advise the Democratic Services Officer of any topics which they would like to put forward for consideration for inclusion in the future Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme.

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