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To: Learning and Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 1 March 2011

Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

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Summary: This report updates Members on the progress of the Select Committee on Extended Schools, Educational Attainment and the Student Journey which are within the remit of the Learning and Development POSC.

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#### **Select Committee: Extended Schools**

1. The action sheet for the Extended Services Select Committee recommendations was due to be submitted to the 5 April meeting of Communities POSC and 14 April Education, Learning and Skills POSC but, with the agreement of the Chairmen, has been postponed until the July meetings of the POSC's as a process of informal and formal consultation meetings will be in progress from the 18th March to 8th April on the future resources and structure for Extended Services. Until this process is completed it will not be clear what resources, if any, will be available moving forward which will naturally then have an impact on the services ability to deliver on the recommendations of the Select Committee. Members will be given an update at a future meeting when a more robust and accurate action plan can be presented reflecting what can realistically be achieved and in what timescale.

#### **Select Committee: Educational Attainment**

2. The Select Committee on Educational Attainment held its first meeting on 3 February when Mr Wells was appointed Chairman and the terms of reference and scope were discussed.

#### **New Select Committee Topic Review – “The Student Journey”.**

3. Mr Kit Smith is the Chairman designate for this review and the Membership of the Committee is currently being identified. Initial background research has started, along with discussions to focus its scope. Approval will be sought for the timescale for this review at a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board, once the terms of reference and scope of the review have been approved.

#### **Suggestions for Select Committee Topic Reviews**

4. If Members have any suggestions for future Select Committee topic reviews could they contact the Democratic Services Officer for this POSC.

#### **Recommendation**

5. Members are asked to note the progress report from the Select Committees on Extended Services, Educational Attainment and The Student Journey and are invited 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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