

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee
19 September 2008

Subject: Select Committees – Update

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the Select Committee Topic Review programme.

Select Committee: Accessing Democracy

1. This Select Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs Angell has produced its report which was considered by Cabinet on 15 September 2008. A copy of the Executive summary is attached for your information. If you would like a hard copy of the report please contact Angela Evans on 01622 221876 or email angela.evans@kent.gov.uk

Select Committee: Autism Spectrum Disorder

2. The Select Committee for Autism Spectrum Disorder is currently gathering evidence gathering. The Select Committee is aiming to complete this phase of work by the end of October. The Terms of Reference are attached to this report as appendix 1.

Select Committee: Transition

3. As Members are aware under the constitution the Select Committees are reconvened one year on from when its report is published. The Select Committee for Transition was reconvened met on 28 June 2008, the Minutes for the meeting are attached to this report as appendix 2 for information.

Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee

4. The Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee is due to meet on 10 September 2008 to discuss the topic review programme and other issues including, building additional capacity for Policy Overview Committees and programming of POCs in 2009. There will be a verbal update on the outcomes from this meeting to the POC.

Recommendation

5. Recommended that the report and the oral update be noted.

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Background Information: *Nil*