

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager
To: Communities Policy Overview Committee – 22 September 2008
Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEES - UPDATE**
Classification: Unrestricted

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

Provision of Activities for Young People

1. This new Select Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr A Chell, held its inaugural meeting on 29 August 2008. The other members of the Select Committee are Mr J Curwood, Mr G Horne, Mr M Northey, Mr G Rowe and Mrs E Tweed. A copy of the Terms of Reference for the Select Committee are attached. Hearing sessions are going to be held from beginning of October to mid November 2008. The Select Committee report is due to be submitted to Cabinet in March 2009. This Policy Overview Committee will receive regularly updates on the progress of this review

Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee

2. The Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee met on 10 September 2008 to discuss the topic review programme and other issues including, publishing and launching Select Committee topic review and programming of POCs in 2009. The outcomes from this meeting were:-.

(a) A draft protocol for publicising Select Committee Topic reviews was approved this will be submitted to Selection and Member Services for approval to pass it to the County Council so that it can be embedded in the Constitution.

(b) A suggested process for launching Select Committee topic reviews via County Council was agreed and is to be discussed with the Chairman of the County Council and Cabinet prior to consideration at Selection and Member Services Committee.

(c) Progress of the Select Committee Topic Reviews on Accessing Democracy and Provision of Activities for Young People was noted

(d) The Chairman and Spokesmen agreed to meet informally to discuss Member capacity to cover the number of ad-hoc Member Committees and Select Committees which were not part of the agreed work programme and report back to the February 09 meeting of the Committee .

Recommendation

6. Recommended that:-

- (a) the terms of reference for the Select Committee: Provision of Activities for Young People be endorsed
- (b) the update from the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee on 10 September 2008 be noted.

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Background Information: *Nil*

PROVISION OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TERMS OF REFERENCE

- To explore national and local policies and strategies in relation to the provision of (leisure-time) activities for young people
- To examine recent consultations and consult with young people during the review, with an emphasis on young people who may not currently engage with services, and motivational aspects.
- To explore how the range of activities available to young people is communicated to them and whether there are opportunities to make this communication more effective
- To examine collaborative and partnership work taking place between KCC and other organisations particularly through Youth Advisory Groups, and any opportunities to develop this further.
- To examine whether existing funding streams for provision of activities for young people could be used more creatively to benefit young people and communities.