

By: Head of Democratic Services

To: Specialist Children's Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 21 June 2011

Subject: **UPDATE ON SELECT COMMITTEE WORK**

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

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### **Current Select Committee Review Work**

1. The following reviews are underway:-

**Educational Attainment at Key Stage 2** – The Select Committee held its first meeting in early February to elect Mr C T Wells as its Chairman and agree its terms of reference and scope. Informal briefings, then hearings and visits, are taking place in May, June, July and possibly September. If this is the case, it is unlikely that the Select Committee will be able to submit its final report to full Council in December, and a revised timetable will be prepared for consideration by the Scrutiny Board.

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** – This Committee held its first meeting in late April, at which it elected Mr K Smith as Chairman and Mr M C Dance Vice-Chairman, and agreed its terms of reference and scope. Evidence gathering hearings are taking place in June and July, and a series of visits, further hearings and work with stakeholders is planned for September and October. The review will submit its final report to the full Council in May 2012.

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**

2. 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:-**

3. Members are asked to note the review work currently underway and 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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