

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager?
To: Customer and Communities Policy Overview and Scrutiny
Committee
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Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the progress of the Select Committee on the Student Journey and the monitoring of the recommendations of the Select Committee on Extended Services.

Select Committee – “The Student Journey”.

1. (1) The Select Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr Kit Smith agreed its Terms of Reference, a copy is attached (APPENDIX 1) for endorsement. It has started its evidence gathering sessions and is interviewing key stakeholders including representatives from business, education and obtaining evidence from young people. It will continue gathering evidence until October 2011 (with a break for the school holidays).

(2) The Committee will be meeting at the end of July to signpost areas for possible recommendation. It is intended that information on these areas will be shared with the Scrutiny Board and the relevant Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees (POSCs) in September 2011.

(3) It is intended that the Select Committee will submit its final report to the Cabinet in April 2012 and to County Council in May 2012.

Select Committee – Extended Services

2. In accordance with the monitoring process agreed by the County Council, the action plan for the Extended Services Select Committee recommendations is set out in Item C2 on the agenda for this meeting. As part of the monitoring process the Select Committee will be reconvened in late 2011 or early 2012 to receive a report on progress made with their recommendations

Suggestions for Select Committee topic reviews

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

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to endorse the Terms of Reference of the Select Committee on 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

Background Information: *Nil*

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**Select Committee – The Student Journey
Terms of Reference**

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1. To investigate the extent to which learning and skills providers in Kent prepare young people for work, and enable them to apply their learning in a new context.
2. To explore the relevance of training and skills provision for young people against local labour market needs and growth industries in Kent.
3. To seek out and to listen to the students' voice, in relation to students' views about, and experiences with, their preparedness for work and their employability.
4. To examine the efficacy of partnerships between local businesses and local educators, and the opportunities that exist in Kent for young people hoping to enter the labour market at key transition points of their educational journey.
5. To look into the extent to which career information, advice and guidance (IAG) enables young people to make informed choices about their future education and employment at key transition points.
6. To consider the potential impact of changes in national policy on the educational and employment opportunities and choices of young people in Kent.
7. For The Student Journey Select Committee to make recommendations after having gathered evidence and information throughout the review.