

By: Mr Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

To: Regeneration and Economic Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 16 November 2011

Subject: **UPDATE ON SELECT COMMITTEE WORK**

Classification: Unrestricted

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

1. There is one Select Committee review that partially falls within the portfolio of this POSC, Education Learning and Development POSC and is lead by Customer and Communities POSC, "The Student Journey".

2. The Student Journey - This Select Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr K Smith, has now completed its evidence gathering sessions with key stakeholders, including representatives from business and education, and from young people. A number of visits were undertaken.

The Committee met on 1 September 2011 to identify areas for possible recommendation. The potential recommendations were met with widespread agreement by the key KCC officers who will be responsible for the implementation of most of them. The Committee will meet on 24 November to formulate its final recommendations before the report is written. 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.

The contacts in Democratic Services for this Select Committee are: Research Officer Gaetano Romagnuolo (01622 694292) and Democratic Services Officer Theresa Grayell (01622 694277).

3. Suggestions for Future Select Committee Work - A review on Domestic Abuse has been suggested by the Customer and Communities POSC (meeting as the Crime and Disorder Committee, in July 2011). This review cuts across several portfolios; adult services and public health, communities and specialist children's services. A formal proposal was welcomed and approved by the Scrutiny Board on 2 November. The review will commence in the New Year.

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:-

4. Members are asked to note the review work currently coming to fruition, and future work soon to commence, 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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