

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Children, Families and Education Overview Committee –
13 November 2008

Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the work of the Select Committee on Provision of Activities for Young People.

Introduction

1. Although there are currently no Select Committees under the remit of this Committee. It might be helpful if Members had an awareness of the work of this Select Committee, which has been set up at the request of the Communities POC, as it may produce some cross directorate recommendations.

Provision of Activities for Young People

2. (1) This 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.

(2) During October and November the Select Committee are carrying out hearing sessions and going out on visits to gather evidence. Visits have included the Silver Cross Youth Club and the Engaging Youth Forum, Thanet. Members also attended the opening of Deal Skate Park. Witnesses include officers from the Youth Service, parents (including parents of disabled children) and representatives from organisations that support activities for young people including Princes Trust and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Young people are being engaged in a variety of ways including, visits and an event where young people will present the NFER (National Foundation for Educational Research) survey results

(3) The Select Committee report is due to be submitted to Cabinet in March 2009. This Policy Overview Committee will continue receive regularly updates on the progress of this review.

Recommendation

3. Recommended that the update on the work of the Select Committee on the Provision of Activities for Young People be noted.

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