

By: Mr C Wells, Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services  
To: County Council – 24 July 2007  
Subject: PSHE/Children's Health Select Committee

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Summary: To receive and comment on the Select Committee report:  
PSHE/Children's Health

## FOR INFORMATION

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### **1. Introduction**

The Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee, at its meeting on 6 July 2006 noted the proposal to establish a Select Committee to look at the issue of children's health, focusing in particular on aspects of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). This was agreed by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee at its August meeting.

### **2. Select Committee Process**

#### *Membership*

(1) The Select Committee commenced its work in October 2006. The Chairman of the Select Committee was Ms J Cribbon, other members being Mrs A Allen, Mr J Curwood, Mrs M Featherstone, Ms A Harrison, Mr D Hirst, Mr P Lake and Mr R Tolputt.

#### *Terms of Reference*

- (2) The Terms of Reference for this Select Committee Topic Review were:-
- (a) To explore the educational effectiveness of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), and particularly of Sex and Relationships Education (SRE), primarily in secondary schools.
  - (b) To recommend a robust strategy directed at teaching young people sexual health, and aimed at reducing the rate of both sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and teenage pregnancies.
  - (c) To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee contribute to strategic corporate objectives as stipulated in key documents, such as "Towards 2010" and the "Public Service Agreement 2" (PSA2).

3. The Executive Summary of the Select Committee's report is attached for all Members of the County Council. If you wish to see a full copy of the report then

please contact Angela Evans on 01622 221876 or email her at [angela.evans@kent.gov.uk](mailto:angela.evans@kent.gov.uk). Copies are available in the Information Point and in the Members Lounge.

4. The Cabinet received the Executive Summary and a presentation from a cross-party group of the Members who served on the Select Committee at its meeting on 16 April 2007.

**5. Recommendation**

The County Council is asked to note the report and thank the Select Committee for producing a relevant and balanced report.

Background Information: *None*

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Services*