

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

To: Regeneration and Economic Development Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 23 March 2012

Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates the Committee on the current Select Committee topic review programme and to invite suggestions for future Select Committee topic reviews.

Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme

1. (1) There are currently no Select Committee topic reviews in the work programme which fall under the remit of this Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Select Committee topic review work programme consists of the following:-

- **Educational Attainment at Key Stage 2**– Chaired by Mr C Wells – The Committee has completed its evidence gathering sessions which included visiting a number of schools in October/November 2011. The Committee has agreed their draft report which is being shared with Mr Whiting, Cabinet Member, Education, Learning and Skills (ELS) and Mr Leeson, Corporate Director ELS, on 2 April 2012 prior to submission to Cabinet in May 2012 and County Council in July 2012.
- **The Student Journey** – Chaired by Mr K Smith – The Committee has completed its evidence gathering sessions with key stakeholders including representatives from business and education, and from young people. The Committee has agreed their draft report which is being shared with relevant Cabinet Members and Corporate Directors on 27 March prior to submission to Cabinet and to County Council in May 2012.
- **Domestic Abuse** – Chaired by Mr J Kirby – The Committee held its inaugural meeting on 23 February 2012 and is due to hold visits and evidence gathering sessions in May/June/July. The report will be submitted to Cabinet and County Council in December 2012.

Suggestions for Select Committee topic reviews

2. (1) Following the RED POSC meeting held on 19 January, when the Committee supported Mrs Tweed's proposal for a Select Committee on Airports, Mrs Tweed has agreed with Mr Sweetland, Cabinet Member, Environment, Highways and Waste, to postpone submitting this topic review pending an Informal Members' Briefing on this subject.

(2) There will be resources available to start two new Select Committee reviews in May 2012. If Members have any topics that they would like to put forward for consideration for inclusion in the future topic review programme, they should contact the Democratic Services Officer for this Committee.

3. Recommendation Members are asked to note the Select Committee topic review update and to advise the Democratic Services Officer of any topics that they would like to suggest for inclusion in the Select Committee topic review programme.

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