

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Children, Families and Education Policy Overview Committee
30 January 2008

Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEES - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the Select Committee Topic Review programme

Select Committee: PSHE (Physical, Social and Health Education)

1. This Select Committee will be reconvened in April 2008 to receive a report on progress with the recommendations one year after the report was submitted to Cabinet. The Minutes of this meeting will be submitted to the Policy Overview Committee.

Select Committee Topic Review Programme

2. (1) The Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee (POCC) met on 5 November 2007 to consider the Select Committee Topic Review Programme. The POCC agreed that a topic review on "Accessing Democracy (which would come under the remit of the Corporate Policy Overview Committee) will start its work shortly.

(2) The POCC also agreed that, when resources become available, a Select Committee looking at some of issues around Vulnerable Children (which would fall with the remit of this Policy Overview Committee) would be established. It is anticipated that resources will be available to start the next topic review with in the next couple of months.

(3) At the next POCC meeting on 14 February 2008 consideration will be give to future Select Committee Topic Reviews and suggestions for Topics are welcomed.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that:-
- (1) the plans to monitor the recommendations of the PSHE Select Committee recommendations be noted
 - (2) the proposed establishment of a Select Committee on Vulnerable Children be noted.

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Background Information: *Nil*