

By: Overview and Scrutiny Manager

To: Environment and Regeneration Policy Overview Committee  
20 November 2007

Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEES - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: This report updates Members on the Select Committee for Flood Risk and the Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme.

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Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to:-

- (a) Note the outcome of the work of the Select Committee for Flood Risk;
  - (b) Note the Minutes of the reconvened meeting of the Select Committee for Water and Wastewater, particularly in Ashford; and
  - (c) Note the update on the Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme.
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### **Select Committee: Flood Risk**

1 Following the last meeting of this Committee the Overview and Scrutiny Manager received approval on the Terms of Reference for the Select Committee for Flood Risk (as attached) by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Liberal Democrat Spokesman of this Committee. The Select Committee for Flood Risk Chaired by Mrs Hohler, completed its work at the end of September and its report and recommendations will be submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet held on 26 November for approval. Copies of the Executive Summary and the Report are available from the Democratic Services Team.

### **Select Committee: Water and Wastewater, particularly in Ashford**

2. (1) The Select Committee for Water and Wastewater, particularly in Ashford met on 31 October 2007 to discuss the progress made on the recommendations from this Select Committee Topic Review, produced as a report by Mr Alan Turner, Principal Regeneration and Projects Officer.

(2) The Minutes of the meeting are to follow. Members will note that the majority of the recommendations have been achieved.

### **Topic Review Work Programme Autumn 2007 – Spring 2008**

3. (1) The Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee at its meeting held on 5 November 2007, agreed the following topics for the work programme for Autumn 2007 to Spring 2008. **Accessing Democracy** should be the next Select Committee Topic Review to be started, the **Vulnerable Children**, Select Committee should be

commenced as and when resources become available in early 2008 and the dedicated NHS Research Officer resource would be supporting a review into aspects into **Accessing Health Care**.

### **Potential Two Year Work Programme**

4. The Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee also agreed that when setting the Select Committee Work Programme, the period for the County Council meeting in July to the end of August would not be included within the Programme, although it was acknowledged that this period could be used for drafting reports and carrying out research.

5. There was agreement to remove the following three Topics from the Select Committee Work Programme:-

(i) **Developing The Creative Curriculum**

(ii) **Young People's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Development, Values Based Educational Behaviour;**

(iii) **Consultation and Participation with Young People (Student Voice);**

(1) However, if these Topics were still current and relevant, a bid for these should be made to the February meeting of Policy Overview Co-Ordinating Committee.

(2) The potential Topic of **Provision of Activities for Young People** would be considered further at the February meeting of the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee with an updated assessment form.

### **Recommendations**

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- (b) note the update on the Select Committee Topic Review Work Programme.

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