

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager

To: Communities Policy Overview Committee – 13 January 2009

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 and invites suggestions for future topic reviews .

Provision of Activities for Young People

1. (1) As reported at the last meeting this Select Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr A Chell, have carried out hearing sessions and visits in October and November 2008. The Select Committee will be meeting on 14 January 2009 to consider possible areas of recommendation. Following this the report will then be drafted and will go through its approval and sign off process.

(2) The Select Committee report is due to be submitted to Cabinet on 30 March 2009. This Policy Overview Committee will continue to receive regularly updates on the progress of this review.

Suggestions for future Select Committee topic reviews

2. (1) The current Select Committee topic review programme is coming to an end and there is not sufficient time to commence any more reviews prior to the Elections in June 2009. However, it is important that topics are available to be considered early in the new Council so that a work programme can be approved and reviews started as soon as possible.

(2) Members are therefore requested to consider whether there are any potential topics that fall within the remit of this Policy Overview Committee, which they would like to put forward for consideration by the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee (POCC) at their meeting on 28 April 2009. At this meeting the POCC will be asked to indicate which potential topics could be included in a future work programme and a priority order. Initial work will then be carried out to scope these potential reviews before a final decision is taken on the work programme at a meeting of the POCC in July 2009.

(3) The Committee are reminded of the recent decision of the County Council that once a Topic Review has been included in the Work Programme as agreed by the POCC the detailed terms of reference for each review will be developed by a cross party Member Group (one from each Group) for approval by the Select Committee.

(4) The POC will be kept informed of potential topics which are within its remit.

Recommendation

3. The Committee are asked to :-
 - (a) Note the update on the Select Committee on Provision of Activities for Young People; and
 - (b) Invite suggestions for potential Select Committee Topic reviews for consideration by the Policy Overview Co-Ordinating Committee at its meeting on 28 April 2009.

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