

By: Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager
To: Communities Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the progress to establish the Select Committee on Extended Schools

Select Committee: Extended Schools

1. (1) At its meeting on 16 October 2009 the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee (POCC) agreed to establish a Select Committee on Extended Schools. This Select Committee falls partly within the remit of this Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (POSC) and Children, Families and Education, Learning and Development POSC.

(2) There is currently an officer group which is reviewing the use of secondary school sites within Kent by the local community for timetabled activities and will identify any areas where demand for facilities is not currently being met. The group is due to produce its report by the end of February 2010. It has been agreed that Gaetano Romagnuolo, the Research Officer supporting the Select Committee topic review, will be invited to meetings of the officer group and will be kept informed of progress. Due to the timing of the officer review it will not be possible to report its outcomes to a programmed meeting of the POSC prior to the Select Committee starting its work. Delegated authority is therefore requested for the Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager to receive the officer groups report and share it with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Liberal Democrat Spokesman of this POSC at the end of February 2010 so that it can inform the work of the Select Committee.

(3) The Membership of the Select Committee is currently being established and preparatory work has started on developing the terms of reference for this review. The POSC Chairmen, Vice chairman and the Liberal Democrat Spokesman will be asked to endorse the terms of reference for the Select Committee, on behalf of the POSC. It is anticipated that this Select Committee will start its work in February/March 2010 and submit its report to County Council on 22 July 2010.

(4) Regular update reports will be submitted to the POSC to keep Members informed of the progress of the Select Committee.

Recommendations

2. Members are asked to note the update report and to delegate authority to the

Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager to receive the officer group report on extended schools and share it with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Liberal Democrat Spokesman at the end of February 2010.

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