

By: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

To: Environment, Highways & Waste Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
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Subject: **SELECT COMMITTEE - UPDATE**

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: To update the Committee on the current topic review programme and to invite suggestions for future Select Committee topic reviews.

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### **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.

(2) The Select Committee work programme consists of the following:-

- Dementia – Chairman Mrs T Dean – This report was received by Cabinet on 5 December 2011 and debated at County Council on 15 December 2011.
- Educational Attainment at Key Stage 2– Chairman Mr C Wells – The Committee has completed its evidence gathering sessions which included visiting a number of schools in October/November 2011. The report is currently being drafted and will be considered by the Committee in February/March 2012 prior to submission to Cabinet in May 2012 and County Council in July 2012.
- The Student Journey – Chairman Mr Kit Smith – The Committee has completed its evidence gathering sessions with key stakeholders including representatives from business and education, and from young people. The report is currently being drafted and will be considered by the Committee in February/March 2012 prior to submission to Cabinet and to County Council in May 2012.

### **Suggestions for Select Committee topic reviews**

2. (1) At the meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 2 November 2011 it was agreed to establish a Select Committee topic review on Domestic Abuse. Background research has begun and the Committee will start its work in early 2012. 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 POSC.

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