

2009/10 DRAFT SCOPING REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

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REASON FOR ITEM

To enable the Committee to consider 4 draft scoping reports and select one of them as a potential review topic for 2009/10.

INFORMATION

At the Committee meeting on 10th June 2009, Members discussed potential review topics for 2009/10 and requested officers to prepare draft scoping reports on the following potential areas for review:

- 1. Junior to Senior school transition:** changes to the current transition.
- 2. Effective Support and Intervention:** interventions in schools in raising standards, what have been successful types of interventions and ways in which the Council should deploy funding into intervention in the future.
- 3. Safeguarding Children in schools:** an insight into current practice and performance, safer recruitment issues and the control the Local Authority has over safeguarding children in schools.
- 4. Child trafficking:** what is being done to tackle this problem.

The draft scoping reports are attached for Members' consideration. It is usual for a Policy Overview Committee to take forward two review topics during the municipal year, though it is up to Members of the Committee to determine this.

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

1. To consider the draft scoping reports and ask any further question from officers;
2. To agree which one scoping report to undertake as a major review in 2009/10;
3. Subsequently, to agree the programme and the scheduling of witness sessions and amend or update the work programme accordingly.