

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES
SELECT COMMITTEE
ON WEDNESDAY 11 JULY 2001 at 2.00 PM**

Agenda Item No.

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**FUNCTIONS AND REMIT OF THE CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES
SELECT COMMITTEE**

Report of the County Secretary

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1. Purpose of the report

To note the functions and remit of the Children, Schools and Families Select Committee.

2. Functions

2.1 The functions of the Select Committee are:

- i) To scrutinise proposed policies and proposed decisions put to them by the Cabinet or by an Executive Member, and comment on them to the Cabinet.
- ii) To consider matters referred from meetings of the Council (by way of public petition or motions from members) and make recommendations on them to the Council, Cabinet or Chief Officer.
- iii) To scrutinise and make recommendations to the Council, Cabinet or Chief Officer on particular areas of policy or service delivery which they have chosen to investigate. A Select Committee may not duplicate the work of a Best Value Review or choose for investigation a matter which the Committee have considered within the preceding 6 months, unless requested to do so by the Cabinet or Council.

3. Remit

The remit of the Select Committee covers the policies and services of the Council as local education authority and, in relation to children, as social services authority.

4. Procedures

- 4.1 The Standing Orders for Select Committee set out in Appendix C to the Constitution allow this Select Committee to determine their own arrangements for obtaining views from a wide range of sources; they may, if they wish, co-opt non-voting members.
- 4.2 Standing Orders also encourage the Select Committee to reach their conclusions by consensus if that is possible. A vote may, however, be taken if consensus be reached on any particular issue.

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Background information used by the author in compiling this report.

Constitution of Hertfordshire County Council adopted 16 May 2000 and amended by the County Council on 28 November 2000 and 3 April 2001