

report



meeting CORPORATE STRATEGY AND COORDINATION SELECT COMMITTEE

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Report of the Chair of the Corporate Strategy and Coordination Select Committee

SICKNESS ABSENCE – EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Purpose of the Report

1. To introduce a presentation on handling sickness absence levels within Education by Cllr Storey, the Cabinet Member for Education and David Wilson, Assistant Director (Resources), Education Department.

Background

2. Members will be aware that this Committee has had an ongoing remit to scrutinise sickness absence levels in the County Council. The Committee has received presentations on measures being adopted by particular departments such as Environment and Social Services, as well as presentations on corporate steps being taken to reduce sickness absence.
3. At the 21 June 2004 meeting, Members heard a presentation on the latest corporate position on sickness absence levels across departments. Members commented on the difference in absence levels between school and non-school staff, and requested clarification from the Education Department. Cllr Storey, the Cabinet Member for Education and David Wilson, Assistant Director (Resources), Education Department will be attending the meeting to present on tackling sickness absence levels among education staff.

RECOMMENDATION

4. It is recommended that the Committee comments and asks questions on the presentation from the Cabinet Member for Education and the Assistant Director (Resources).

Cllr Darrell Pulk

Chair of the Corporate Strategy and Coordination Select Committee

