



**meeting**      **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**date**            **16 March 2009**            **agenda item number**

## **Report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

### **Response to Scrutiny Review – Drugs Education in Schools**

#### **Purpose of the report**

1. To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) with an opportunity to consider the progress of recommendations made by the Drugs Education Select Committee.

#### **Background**

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 21 May commissioned the Drugs Education Select Committee – to consider and review how we can support and deliver an effective drugs education programme in Nottinghamshire schools – across all Key Stages but focussing on Key Stages 2 and 3. This was to include consultation with individuals, partners and organisations involved in the provision of drugs education. The scrutiny review was chaired by Councillor Edward Llewellyn-Jones.
3. Recommendations made by the Committee were submitted to the Cabinet in February 2008.
4. A response to the recommendations of the Select Committee was presented by Councillor Joyce Bosnjack, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, to OSC on 16 June 2008. At the meeting Members were informed about the progress of the recommendations and an action plan to take them forward was outlined.
5. Members requested a further progress report on the implementation of recommendations be provided to OSC in March 2009.

#### **Issues**

6. John Morris, School Improvement Adviser (Secondary) and Anne Trout, PDSI Drugs Adviser, Children and Young Peoples Services will be attending the meeting to provide a review of progress of the implementation of the recommendations and action plan outlined at the

June meeting. A report from the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and a copy of the action plan are attached as appendix 1.

7. A response to the review received from the Notts County Drug and Alcohol Team (DAAT) is attached as appendix 2. The letter provides a comprehensive account of the interventions the DAAT undertakes in its role as the key partnership for strategic commissioning and planning for drug and alcohol services for young people.
8. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee may wish to consider whether further action is required with regard to specific recommendations.
9. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider when further information will be required to demonstrate the implementation of the recommendations.

### **Recommendations**

10. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
  - i. consider and ask questions about the information provided in the report
  - ii. agree if any additional action is required with regard to specific recommendations
  - iii. agree if further reporting on the progress of recommendations and action plan is required.

**Councillor EDW Llewellyn-Jones**  
**Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Background papers: nil.