



**meeting**      **GCSE Attainment and Deprivation Select Committee**

**date**            **11 May 2009**                      **agenda item number**

## **Report of the Chair of the GCSE Attainment and Deprivation Select Committee**

### **Review Conclusions**

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

1. To provide the GCSE Attainment and Deprivation Select Committee with the opportunity to:
  - discuss the final report and conclusions for the review.

#### **Background**

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on October 13, 2008 commissioned a Select Committee to examine GCSE attainment levels among pupil's eligible for free school meals. Eligibility for free school meals provides a broad indicator of the level of deprivation among pupils attending a particular school. The use of free school meals eligibility is only one indicator of deprivation that affects a pupil's performance. Although the specific focus for the review was pupils eligible for free meals it was necessary to look at attainment for all pupils at Key Stage 4. The review examined the performance of Nottinghamshire schools at Key Stage 4 and considered what schools are doing to improve outcomes for these pupils. It also looked at how Nottinghamshire County Council is supporting this.
3. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee asked that the review be completed by May 2009. The Select Committee has collected evidence for the review over 3 meetings and a number of school visits.

#### **Issues**

4. At the meeting of the Select Committee on 20 April 2009 it was agreed that a draft final report be produced for consideration at the meeting on 11 May 2009. The draft report will be circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

5. John Slater, Service Director – Learning and Achievement and Colin Shepherd, Principal Data Analysis, Children and Young Peoples Services are attending the meeting to discuss issues and answer Members questions.

### **Recommendations**

6. It is recommended that
  - the Select Committee consider the draft final report and discuss the recommendations
  - that subject to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Select Committee agreeing the final text of any amendments, the Select Committee agree the final report
  - the minutes of the meeting of the Select Committee on 11 May 2009 are agreed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Review and be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.

**Councillor Yvonne Davidson**

**Chair of the GCSE Attainment and Deprivation Select Committee**

Background papers: nil.