



meeting	MANAGING ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOLS SELECT COMMITTEE	
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Report of the Chair of the Managing Attendance in Schools Select Committee

Review Conclusions

Purpose of the report

1. To provide the Managing School Attendance Select Committee with the opportunity to discuss the recent visits to schools and to formulate conclusions for the review.

Background

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on September 15 2008 commissioned a select committee to examine measures undertaken by schools in Nottinghamshire to encourage attendance and prevent absence prior to referral to the Education Welfare Service.
3. At its first meeting the Select Committee received an initial presentation by departmental officers which provided information concerning the attendance policies used by schools and discussed the procedures currently used to encourage/ enforce attendance. Practitioners who are leading and managing improvements in attendance in schools discussed the effectiveness of the current systems they use.

Issues

4. Members of the Committee undertook a series of visits to schools in both Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and will be sharing feedback from these visits.
5. The Select Committee is asked to consider all the issues that have been discussed, and the evidence that has been gathered, during the course of the review.
6. Members may wish to consider if there are any outstanding areas of information that are required.

7. The Select Committee will discuss draft recommendations to assist them in concluding the review.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that Managing Attendance in Schools Select Committee:
 - consider the issues raised by the discussion arising from the visits to schools
 - consider if there are any outstanding areas for investigation
 - considers and discusses draft recommendations.

Councillor Edward Llewellyn-Jones

Chair of the Managing Attendance in Schools Select Committee

Background papers: nil.