

CONSULTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

Strategic Priority 4: Learning City Corporate Improvement Priority: Delivering Customer Focused Services, Efficient and Effective Council

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 To notify the Committee about current government consultations and recent publications within the scope of the Review Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 The annual work programme provides flexibility to respond to new developments including government consultation documents and new publications, and these are reported to Committee as appropriate.
- 2.2 A synopsis of current consultations is provided at Appendix 1.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 This report is intended to keep the Committee apprised of new developments and provide background reading for items scheduled into the work programme.
- 3.2 There is also an opportunity to comment on live consultations. Members can respond individually to consultations documents or can:
- (a) Contribute a response by the closing date (via Children's Services)
 - (b) Seek guidance from Children's Services on current arrangements in Sunderland on the issues under consultation
 - (c) Have circulated the full consultation document for information
 - (d) Note the consultations and take no further action.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Committee is asked to note the information.

5. Background Papers

Full consultation documents.

LATEST LIVE CONSULTATIONS

Youth Conditional Caution Code of Practice for 16 and 17 Year Olds

This consultation paper invites views from interested parties on the draft Code of Practice for Youth Conditional Cautions for 16 and 17 year olds that will be piloted during 2009. The Code governs the use of these Youth Conditional Cautions as stipulated by the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008.

Launch Date: Monday 2 March 2009

Closing Date: Monday 25 May 2009

Designated Teachers for Looked After Children: draft Regulations and statutory guidance

This consultation seeks views on draft Regulations made under section 20(3) of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008. The Regulations set out the qualifications and experience which will be required of designated teachers in maintained schools. Consultation is also taking place on the content of the draft statutory guidance to governing bodies of maintained schools (to be issued under section 20(4) of the Act).

Launch Date: Wednesday 25 February 2009

Closing Date: Wednesday 20 May 2009

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Data Arrangements

This consultation invites views on proposals to:

- amend existing regulations to allow local authorities to collect Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) data and supporting individual child level information from non-funded early years providers (i.e. providers who only provide services to non-funded children);
- start to use existing powers in the regulations for local authorities to collect EYFSP information from schools which are exempt from registration with Ofsted and who are not funded to provide the free entitlement;
- give a clear statutory underpinning for the cases where some early years providers want to voluntarily pass information about children to their local authority; and
- simplify the EYFSP data collection process for early years providers by building on the existing 'eye-profile' system.

Subject to the views submitted as part of this consultation, current regulations will be amended in mid-2009.

Launch Date: Friday 13 February 2009

Closing Date: Friday 8 May 2009
