

16-19 AND POST 19 EDUCATION AND SKILLS REFORMS

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with an evidence gathering session for the policy review of the machinery of government changes, announced in 2008, which will transfer the planning and commissioning of 16-19 provision from central government to local authorities.

2. Background

- 2.1 The terms of reference for the review are to consider the process of change, particularly over the next few months and the effectiveness of :
- Bringing together provision for children and young people up to the age of 19
 - Making sure that education and training for 16-19 year olds meets the needs of all - including the most vulnerable and those who are at risk of becoming NEET
 - Providing a smoother transition at 16 and at 19 for students with SEN
 - Planning education and training that balances learners' choices, employers' needs, and responds to economic trends

3. Programme

- 3.1 A number of witnesses, all involved in providing education, training to young people (and advice and guidance in the case of Connexions) will be attending the Committee. In order to manage the business effectively, a timed programme is attached as Appendix 1 and brief details about each organisation are attached as Appendix 2.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the evidence and identify any other areas of evidence gathering arising from this meeting.

5. Background Papers

Joint commissioning strategy – scoping report for policy review Scrutiny Report 9 July 2009
16-19 and post 19 education and skills reforms Scrutiny Report 12 November 2009

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