

**FRAMEWORK FOR THE INSPECTION OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND
FROM SEPTEMBER 2009**

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To introduce to the Committee details of the new Inspection Framework for maintained schools. The Head of Standards will provide the Committee with a presentation on the new Framework, information on the Concerns Policy and identification of schools that need support.

2. Background

- 2.1 The inspection of a school provides an independent external evaluation of its effectiveness and a diagnosis of what it should do to improve, based upon a range of evidence including that from first-hand observation.
- 2.2 The Scrutiny Committee has routinely received all school inspection reports and has also received progress reports approximately 12 months after each school inspection in order to monitor progress on key issues.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 At the scrutiny meeting members will be briefed on the key features of the framework and the school inspection arrangements from September 2009 including the priority areas. Members will also be briefed on the work within the authority underpinning the framework to share information and identify schools that needs support.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to receive the presentation at Committee from the Head of Standards.

5. Background Papers

Framework for the inspection of maintained schools in England from September 2009

