

**Select Committee on Children's Services – 16th September 2010**

**Report of the Lead Officer**

**Work Programme for 2010/11- Members proposals for scrutiny items**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To report back to the Select Committee on issues raised by Committee Members for consideration in the work programme for the Select Committee.

**Background**

2. At the last meeting of the Select Committee, it was agreed (Minute 6(2)) that Members would be invited to refer any additional issues they consider should be included in the work programme to the Vice Chairman to report back to this meeting.
3. The Vice Chairman has received two responses and has an issue of his own which Members may wish to consider.

Councillor Hanif	-	Details of racial incidents
	-	Details of bullying incidents
Councillor Crumpton	-	Home to school transport process (specifically guidelines on provision for children with disabilities).
Councillor Attwood	-	Children being taught in the home

4. If Members felt these were areas requiring more detailed scrutiny it would be possible to receive presentations and reports from officers over the coming meetings to consider these issues more fully and to outline current procedures and guidelines and the relative extent of any problems . The Vice Chairman is proposing that we do not necessarily limit ourselves to doing all of these reviews during the currency of this committee cycle , better that we give full consideration to each particular item than to meet any particular time considerations.

**Proposal**

5. I would propose we consider if these items merit a more detailed review and, if so, suggest members indicate if they have any priorities for dealing with each item. I will then consult with officers and the Chairman to build these items into the work programme in the coming months

## **Finance**

6. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, provided any additional scrutiny reviews are built into the existing number of Committee meetings.

## **Law**

7. The law relating to these issues is mainly governed by the Children's Acts.

## **Equality Impact**

8. Racial incidents and bullying do have discriminatory and equality implications and therefore any processes we follow should seek to control and eliminate such incidents occurring in Dudley Children establishments.

## **Recommendation**

9. Members consider the proposals in paragraph 5 and determine what further action they wish to take.



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