



Report to the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee

Title:	Young People Ready for Work Select Committee Inquiry Recommendation Monitoring Report
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Electoral divisions affected:	All

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with the opportunity to agree its assessment of the progress by the relevant decision-maker on the implementation of scrutiny recommendations.




Following up on previous scrutiny inquiries is a key way in which the Committee can make an assessment of the outcomes of its work and understand what has been achieved.

The Young People Ready for Work Inquiry recommendations and executive response can be found here: www.buckscc.gov.uk/about-your-council/scrutiny/education,-skills-childrens-services/completed-inquiries/

The Cabinet Response is attached at Appendix One.

Monitoring Process for each Select Committee

The key steps in following up on Select Committee Inquiries are:

- 1) Select Committees make recommendations
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- 2) Decision-maker response
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- 3) 6&12 month monitoring by Select Committee Select
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- 4) Committee to decide if it is content on actions or if further action desired

The full monitoring process for Select Committee recommendations is set out in a guidance note here: [insert hyperlink](#)

The Appendix below provides a RAG status template for the Committee to use in making its assessment of the status of recommendations. The verbal update provided by Cabinet Member in committee and response to Committee questions will enable members to reach a view on its own assessment.

The key benefits of the Select Committee itself considering the progress are that it enables the Committee to:

- understand if it has been successful in influencing change.
- understand any implementation issues.
- decide if it wishes to raise issues further to influence change e.g. further inquiry, meeting with a Cabinet Member etc.
- improve further inquiry work by identifying what makes a 'good' scrutiny recommendation.

Each Select Committee receives a final update from the service area at the one year on point for an inquiry to check on progress this is via a written report and verbal update at the Committee meeting. Normally the Select Committee will not require any further formal monitoring beyond the 12 month point, however if the Select Committee does have specific recommendations that it wants to pursue further it can request further progress updates.

Monitoring Process for the Scrutiny Function Overall

- The Finance, Performance and Resources Select Committee has within its remit responsibility for the effectiveness of the scrutiny function overall. As such it will receive an annual overview summary assessment of scrutiny recommendations across all four Select Committees in February of each year.
- The Council's Cabinet and Full Council will receive a copy of the annual summary report as part of the Annual Scrutiny Report.
- An audit trail of all Select Committee completed Inquiries is maintained on the BCC website at www.bucksc.gov.uk/scrutiny

Based on the information provided and heard today, the Committee are asked to:

- 1. Complete an assessment of the progress in recommendation implementation using the RAG system.**
- 2. To agree to provide a copy of the Committee's assessment to the relevant Cabinet Members for comment and following this for the Select Committee Chairman to sign-off the final assessment for publication (with delegated authority to vary the final RAG status in light of any new information provided).**

Appendix

Appendix One: The Cabinet Response to the Young People Ready for Work Select Committee Inquiry report and recommendations April 2014.