

Mayor and Cabinet			
Report Title	Matters referred by the Public Accounts Select Committee – Review of the Schools Forum and Dedicated Schools Grant		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	X
Ward	All		
Contributors	Public Accounts Select Committee		
Class	Part 1	Date	20 January 2010

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the Public Accounts Select Committee's Review of the Schools Forum and Dedicated Schools Grant. The final report of the Review is included at Appendix A below.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to:
- (a) Note the views and recommendations of the Committee set out in the main report at Appendix A.
 - (b) Agree that the Executive Director for Children and Young People be asked to respond to the Review's recommendations.
 - (c) Ensure that a response is provided to the Public Accounts Select Committee at its first meeting in the new municipal year.

3. Context

- 3.1 The short review was scoped in June 2009 and an evidence gathering session was held in September 2009. The Committee sent out follow-up questions after that session, then agreed its recommendations in December 2009.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se, although the financial implications of several of the recommendations will need to be considered in due course.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess). It is therefore requested that a response is provided to the Public Accounts Select Committee no later than its first meeting in the 2010/2011 municipal year.

6. Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The Council works to eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment, promote equality of opportunity and good relations between different groups in the community and recognise and take account of people's differences.

7. Crime and Disorder/Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are no specific implications.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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