

**Open Report on behalf of Peter Duxbury, Executive Director of Adults and Children**

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>14 January 2011</b>
Subject:	<b>Implications of the Schools White Paper “The Importance of Teaching”</b>

**Summary:**

This item enables the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider the Schools White Paper “The Importance of Teaching” and its impact on Children’s Services.

**Actions Required:**

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is invited to discuss and comment on the impact of the Schools White Paper “The Importance of Teaching” on Children’s Services.

**1. Background**

The Schools White Paper “The Importance of Teaching” was published by the Department for Education on 24 November 2010 and is attached at Appendix A.

The Schools White Paper sets out a radical reform programme for the schools system. Drawing heavily on evidence from the world’s best education systems, it outlines how the Government will raise the prestige of the teaching profession and also sets out:-

- powers for teachers to improve discipline, and trialling a new approach to exclusions
- a vision for a transformed school curriculum supported by rigorous assessment and qualifications
- more academies and free schools and a strong strategic role for local authorities
- changes to school performance tables, Ofsted inspections and governance
- a fairer funding system including a pupil premium to channel more money to the most deprived children
- school-led school improvement replacing top-down initiatives.

Debbie Barnes and Andy Breckon, Assistant Directors for Children’s Services, will provide a verbal summary of the key issues in the Schools White Paper and its implications for Children’s Services.

## **2. Conclusion**

The Schools White Paper will reform the current schools system and will have several implications for Children’s Services. The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the impact of the Schools White Paper on Children’s Services.

## **3. Consultation**

### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

No policy proofing is required for this report.

## **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	The Importance of Teaching – The Schools White Paper 2010

## **5. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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