

Open Report on behalf of the Executive Director, Performance and Governance

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	9 September 2011
Subject:	Improving Access to Post-16 Learning Provision in Lincolnshire Scrutiny Review – Draft Final Report

Summary:

This report invites the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider the draft final report arising from the scrutiny review into Improving Access to Post-16 Learning Provision in Lincolnshire. Subject to the approval of the Committee, the report will be submitted to the Executive on 4 October 2011 for its consideration and response. This response will be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

Actions Required:

- (1) To approve, or to approve with amendment, the attached final draft report into Improving Access to Post-16 Learning Provision in Lincolnshire.
- (2) To agree that the final report should be submitted to the Executive on 4 October 2011 for its consideration and response.

1. Background

A Task and Finish Group comprising five non-executive County Councillors and a Church Representative Added Member has undertaken a review into Improving Access to Post-16 Learning Provision in Lincolnshire. Councillor John Hough was appointed the chairman of the Task and Finish Group.

The review was undertaken between December 2010 and August 2011. During the review, the Task and Finish Group has held interviews with relevant staff in Children's Services and CfBT; met with 44 vulnerable young people who were either care leavers, not in education, employment or training (NEET) or were learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities (LLDD); held two focus groups, one with business representatives and another with representatives of post-16 learning providers; visited George Farmer Technology and Language College in Holbeach, and conducted an online survey through schools, colleges and work based learning providers which has generated 772 responses from young people.

The Task and Finish Group has produced a final report containing fifteen recommendations and this is attached as Appendix A to this report.

2. Conclusion

The Committee is asked to consider the attached draft report and decide whether to adopt the draft as its final report, with or without amendment.

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	Improving Access to Post-16 Learning Provision in Lincolnshire Draft Final Report

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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