

**Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes, Executive Director Performance and Governance**

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>11 January 2013</b>
Subject:	<b>School Admissions and Exclusions in Lincolnshire Scrutiny Review - Draft Final Report</b>

**Summary:**

This report invites the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to consider the draft final report arising from the scrutiny review into School Admissions and Exclusions in Lincolnshire. Subject to the approval of the Committee, the report will be submitted to the Executive on 5 February 2013 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 School Admissions and Exclusions in Lincolnshire.
- (2) To agree that the final report should be submitted to the Executive on 5 February 2013 for its consideration and response.

**1. Background**

A Task and Finish Group comprising seven non-executive County Councillors and two Church Representative Added Members has undertaken a review into School Admissions and Exclusions in Lincolnshire. Councillor Steve Williams was appointed the chairman of the Task and Finish Group.

The review was undertaken between March and November 2012. During the review, the Task and Finish Group has met eight times throughout which it reviewed extensive documentation, including national guidance and legislation, and the County Council's own policies. The Group also examined statistical information in relation to school admissions and exclusions, and considered a number of written responses from schools and parents.

The Task and Finish Group received responses from eight schools, the Lincolnshire Parent Partnership Service, the Choice Advisors Service, the Sensory Education and Support Service, and three young people who had been excluded from school. In addition, the members of the Task and Finish Group visited five

parents who had come forward to discuss their individual experiences and attended a meeting of the Shadow Transitions Board to speak to young people with learning disabilities and difficulties and their parents and carers about their own experiences with school admissions and exclusions.

The Task and Finish Group has produced a final report containing thirteen 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	School Admissions and Exclusions 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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