

## **Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee – Statement to Council 20 July 2010. Achievements June to July 2010 (covering meeting 7 July 2010)**

The remit of the Committee extends across all services delivered to children and young people and their families; including education, early years provision, 14 – 19 provision, youth services, multi-agency and prevention services and children's social care.

The Committee has considered and will continue to review the proposed vision for education in Shropshire, including a presentation on the;

- development and rationale for the proposal,
- challenges for education in Shropshire,
- how the proposed vision meets those challenges,
- meeting the needs of learners,
- valuing joint working and partnerships, and
- using resources responsibly.

On 7 July 2010 the Committee received feedback from the first round of consultation on education vision and school organisation proposals. This included a presentation of material used for schools, partners and local councils. Following the presentation committee members participated in a two part workshop to contribute towards the continuing developments within the vision. Members were asked to consider the following questions:

### **Part 1**

- Do the proposals adequately deal with the issues and challenges that Shropshire faces and represent a high quality, affordable and sustainable strategy for 21<sup>st</sup> Century education in Shropshire?
- What do you see as the key threats and/or blocks to these proposals?
- How should we overcome these?
- What would you like to see more or less of in these proposals?

### **Part 2**

- How can we effectively communicate with all the different groups, e.g. parents and carers, pupils, governors, staff, external partners, the Shropshire public and central government?
- How can we encourage these groups to engage in the consultation, development and decision making process that will decide the vision for education?

The conclusions from this meeting will be included in the consultation outcomes that will be presented to Cabinet at their meeting on 29 September.

## **Work Programme**

Council, at their meeting on 24 June 2010, has approved arrangements for scrutiny and that the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee's final meeting will be 15 September. It should be noted that some committee members expressed their concern over the demise of this committee and the lack of consultation over the decision to change.

The final meeting has three agenda items; update on the budget, Academy Schools and the implications for Shropshire and a look at what impact the vision, if approved, might

have on current education provision in the county. Members were keen to start the impact assessment of the vision though with due reference to the fact that the consultation is not due to end until 17 September.

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