

### **Young People's Support Service (YPSS) Review**

#### **Purpose of report**

1. To update Schools Forum on the review of the Young People's Support Service (YPSS).

#### **Background**

2. The YPSS Review was commissioned by Carolyn Godfrey (Corporate Director, Children & Education Department (DCE)) in July 2010 and undertaken by Colin Smith, a well respected former Headteacher at Hardenhuish School. The remit of the Review is attached in Annex 1. The report of the findings was received by DCE on the 5 November 2010. The Review was presented to WASSH on 9 December 2010.
3. The YPSS Review is written in the context of available knowledge at that time, including an update on 'emerging structures' within the Department for Children & Education. The Review was however completed before the White Paper 'The Importance of Teaching' was published on 23 November.
4. Section 3 of the new White Paper discusses the issue of 'Behaviour', with sections 3.28 to 3.41 commenting on reform of the exclusion appeals process and improving the quality of alternative provision by increasing autonomy and encouraging new providers for the delivery of Pupil Referral Units.

#### **Main considerations for School Forum**

5. The YPSS Review is a comprehensive piece of work which contains a number of well researched recommendations. At this stage it has not been possible to re-shape the recommendations of the Review in the light of the White Paper and the full impact of the new emerging Schools & Learning structures. This is a work in progress and is something that will be taken forward within the Schools & Learning Branch (by the Targeted School & Learner Support School Improvement Section) working in partnership with WASSH, Schools Forum, School Federations and other key stakeholders. We need to build on key messages and principles in the report, identifying key actions and timeframes for reshaping YPSS/PRU provision and the budget in a more strategic way, balancing the needs of prevention against the provision of PRU places, whilst also working with local school federations to enable creative and effective local delivery.
6. At WASSH on 9 December 2010, it was agreed that whilst Schools & Learning Branch would significantly input into the process of taking the recommendations and White Paper issues forward, and that this would be achieved via use of the YPSS Board (the Governance Body for YPSS) to guide the response. It is, however, intended to review the membership of the YPSS Board to support this, eg, a representative from each Schools Federation will be invited onto the YPSS Board. It is expected that a working

group will then be set up to take the issues forward. The next YPSS Board meets on 17 January 2011.

### **Proposals**

7. Any views and feedback from Schools Forum, both on the report and the way of taking it forward would be most welcome. Any such views could then be included in the overall approach.

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### **Background papers**

None

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Report of the YPSS Review