

Report of the Interim Director of Policy and Performance to the meeting of Young People and Education Improvement Committee to be held on 27 September 2006.

Subject:

Scrutiny of Exclusions and Attendance

Summary statement:

This report presents a proposed Terms of Reference on the Scrutiny of school exclusions and attendance in the Bradford district with a view to its adoption by the Committee.

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Overview and Scrutiny Area

Young People and Education Improvement Committee



1. Summary

- 1.1 This report presents a proposed Terms of Reference on the Scrutiny of school exclusions and attendance in the Bradford district with a view to its adoption by the Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of its 2006/07 work programme, the Committee previously agreed to undertake a scrutiny of school exclusions and attendance in the Bradford district.

3. Report issues

- 3.1 The proposed terms of reference for the scrutiny of school exclusions and attendance in the Bradford district are attached at Appendix 1, setting out the objectives of the scrutiny, a list of interested parties and an indicative timetable.

4. Options

- 4.1 The committee to adopt the Terms of Reference as proposed or with any amendments it may choose to make.

5. Contribution to corporate priorities

- 5.1 This report will make a direct contribution to Council Priority 1 – Educating and Supporting Children.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That the committee adopts or amends the proposed Terms of Reference as appropriate.

7. Background documents

The Council's Constitution
Young People and Education Improvement Committee Work Programme (2006/07)

8. Not for publication documents

None

9. Appendices

Appendix A – Proposed Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny of Exclusions and Attendance.

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Scrutiny of Exclusions and Attendance Terms of Reference

See Part 3E paragraphs 2.1 to 2.11 of the Constitution of the Council

1. Subject of Scrutiny

Exclusions and attendance

The scrutiny will examine school exclusions and attendance in Bradford District.

In particular, the scrutiny will seek to:

- a. Be fully informed about both the current situation and the recent history of school exclusions and attendance.
- b. Understand how the situation in Bradford compares to other relevant authorities and national comparisons.
- c. Understand the reasons for the current situation in Bradford.
- d. Be fully informed about the relevant current policies, procedures and practices that are in place, how successful they have been and how they will make an additional impact in the future..

2. Possible Interested Parties

	Name	Organisation / body / department
	Cllr Dale Smith	Portfolio Holder
	Mark Carriline	Assistant Chief Executive
		Teacher unions and other relevant unions
		Headteachers
		Chairs of Governors
		DfES
		Education Bradford
		Education Social Work Service
		Parents

3. Methodology

- a. Committee (or nominated sub group) to hold “hearings” ie meetings in public. Invited “Interested Parties” to give a brief presentation (with a previously submitted written submission) to be followed by questioning by the committee.
- b. Committee (or nominated sub group) to invite written evidence from selected “Interested Parties”.
- c. Committee (or nominated sub group) to commission research
- d. Committee (or nominated sub group) to hold open meetings at which members of the public or interested organisations can present their views and evidence.
- e. Committee (or nominated sub group) to visit other relevant organisations to obtain evidence.

4. Indicative timetable

Date	Event	Comments
September/October 06	Committee agrees Terms of Reference	
October – December 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Hearings – invited witnesses to give evidence • Gathering of written evidence 	