# **ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT**

1.	Meeting:	Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel
2.	Date:	Tuesday 26 April 2011
3.	Title:	Education Bill Update - presentation
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive's All wards

#### 5. Summary

This is an opportunity for the Scrutiny Panel to consider the implications of the Education Bill for schools and Rotherham children and young people. Dorothy Smith, Senior Director for Schools and Lifelong Learning will give a presentation outlining the challenges and the response of schools and the Local Authority.

There are three papers supporting this item:

- 1. A summary of "The Importance of Teaching. The Schools White Paper 2010"
- 2. Sustaining School Improvement in Rotherham from April 2011
- 3. School Improvement Partnership Model, April 2011
- 4. Draft Memorandum of Understanding between RMBC and Schools.

#### 6. Recommendations

That Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel

- a. Receives the presentation and comments on the proposals outlined in the supporting papers;
- b. Monitors the implementation of arrangements to ensure they deliver improved outcomes for children and young people in Rotherham.

# 7. Proposals and Details

The presentation and reports supporting this agenda item detail the Coalition's plans set out in the White Paper and the subsequent Education Bill to devolve more responsibilities to schools, focus on teaching and learning and close the attainment gap between the most and least deprived children and young people. The "Sustaining School Improvement in Rotherham from April 2011" and "Memorandum of Understanding" demonstrate how schools, in partnership with the Council, intend to respond to the challenges.

Members' comments are sought on the developments.

## 8. Finance

See report: Sustaining School Improvement in Rotherham from April 2011.

# 9. Risks and uncertainties

As above

# 10. Policy and performance agenda implications

As above

## 11. Background Papers and Consultation

Sustaining School Improvement in Rotherham from April 2011: Cabinet, 6 April 2011

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