

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning and Culture
2.	Date:	4 th October, 2011
3.	Title:	Department of Education Consultation: Proposed changes to the teacher and disciplinary and induction regulations
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. **Summary**

The Education Bill makes provision to abolish the General Teaching Council for England (GTCE) and give responsibility to the Secretary of State to operate a streamlined regulation system.

The Department of Education are currently consulting on the new arrangements. Paul Fitzpatrick: Human Resources Manager, and Liz Buxton: Lead Adviser School Effectiveness Service have prepared a draft response to the consultation (attached). The deadline to submit the response is October 12th 2011.

In line with RMBC protocol, officers request that the draft response is considered by Cabinet Member before it is submitted to the Department for Education.

6. **Recommendations**

Cabinet Member is asked to:

- Consider the draft response to the consultation
- Provide further input
- Endorse the response for submission

7. Proposals and Details

The new regulations, outlined in the Education Bill, will put in place arrangements for the regulation of the teaching profession which covers teachers in local authority maintained schools, non-maintained special schools, academies, free schools and independent schools, sixth form colleges, youth custody settings and children's homes.

The draft response sets out Rotherham's concerns and feedback to the proposals set out by the Department of Education.

8. Finance

n/a

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The risks and concerns associated with implementing the proposed changes are highlighted in the draft response.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

If the proposed changes are implemented by Government there will be implications for disciplinary and capability procedures in schools.

11. Equality and Diversity

There are no equality and diversity issues; the proposed changes will apply to all teachers.

12. Background Papers and Consultation

Draft response attached

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