



CONSULTATIONS

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

29TH JANUARY 2007

SUMMARY

The Local Committee has requested a regular update report on consultations that affect the Reigate and Banstead area, so that members may consider if they wish to make a response.

KEY ISSUE

At any time, there may be a number of consultations that the Local Committee may wish to make representations on.

This report provides a summary of the consultations that Officers are aware of that affect the Reigate and Banstead area, for members to consider.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the list of current consultations.
- (ii) Consider whether the Committee wishes to make representations on any of the consultations.

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Consultations currently taking place:

Subject	Summary	Area effected	Consultation ends
Children and Young People's Participation Strategy	<p>The purpose of the plan is to develop the genuine involvement of children and young people in decisions. It states that Children and young people should have the opportunity to be involved in decisions about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Their own support plans 2. Their family 3. Their community 4. Any services they use <p>The draft strategy states 6 aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a culture of participation that will help everyone understand what participation is and the importance of involving children and young people in decisions. • Increasing the involvement of children and young people who do not regularly take part by supporting their involvement. • Promote participation practices in educational settings, including making student councils more representative and effective and promoting student involvement in school decisions. • To improve ways that the Youth Parliament, Youth Forums communicate with each other and include schools and local clubs. • To ensure that children and young people are recognised and rewarded for their involvement. • To provide information and support for parents and carers so that they can help their children and young people develop decision-making skills 	Countywide	15 th March 2007

At any given time there are also a number of consultations being carried out by national government. Members can view these through the website www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk and searching for *government consultations*.