



## **Children & Education Select Committee – 10 July 2014 School Governance - Proposal for a Task Group**

1. It is well recognised that school governing bodies are integral to raising schools' standards through their role in setting strategic direction, monitoring schools' progress and ensuring accountability. This has become increasingly the case in recent years, as both maintained schools and academies grow more autonomous of the local authority.
2. It is proposed that the Committee sets up a task group to gather evidence on current school governance arrangements and their effectiveness, including the role of the local authority and partners in appointing and supporting school governors.
3. Members are asked to consider this proposal, originally suggested at the Committee's private workshop held on 14 May 2014, and indicate expressions of interest in joining the task group.
4. The appointed Members will work with the scrutiny officer to produce a scoping document detailing the key questions and lines of enquiry the task group would wish to explore.
5. This scoping document will be circulated to the wider Committee for comment, before being referred to the Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 11 September 2014 for formal approval.

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