

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	11 June 2009
Subject:	Scrutiny review – Extended Schools as Community Resources
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director of Partnership Development and Performance
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Christine Bednell, Children’s Services Portfolio Holder Councillor Anjana Patel, Schools and Children’s Services Development Portfolio Holder
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Final report of the review group

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the details, findings and recommendations of the scrutiny review of extended schools as community resources.

Recommendations:

1. Endorse the report and its recommendations; and
2. For Overview and Scrutiny Committee to monitor the continuing progress of the recommendations in six months and receive the first progress update in six months.
3. To forward the report on to the Portfolio Holder for consideration

Section 2 – Report

Background

The extended schools review was carried out as part of the Overview and Scrutiny 2008/09 work programme to address the progress to date and any gaps in the current level of extended schools services. The review was also

carried out to assess how far extended schools are succeeding in meeting the core offer and the objective for them to be a key community resource. Their long term sustainability was another area the review group considered as part of the review. The review was carried out between September 2008 and March 2009.

The investigation was carried out by reviewing a wide range of desktop research, evidence submitted from key officers, consultation with relevant stakeholders and actually going out to witness extended schools services and activities in practice.

The final report details the main recommendations arising from the review and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to endorse these recommendations.

Resources, costs and risks

Any costs associated with these recommendations will have to be met from within existing resources.

Staffing/workforce

There are no direct staffing or workforce considerations specific to this report.

Equalities impact

The review group ensured the consideration of equalities implications formed part of this investigation as equalities is integral to the principles and the role of extended schools.

Legal Implications

None

Financial Implications

Any costs arising from the recommendations will have to be contained from existing budgets.

Performance Issues

There are no performance considerations specific to this report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

This is not required for this report

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Detailed in the full report

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES