

Committee	<b>Scrutiny Committee for Education and Libraries</b>
Date	<b>16 March 2004</b>
Title of Report	<b>Best Value Review of Attendance in Schools</b>
By	<b>Chair of the Review Board</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To present for information the final report of the Review Board</b>

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**RECOMMENDATION: -**

**To note the report from the Board.**

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**1 Introduction**

1.1 The time span of this review has coincided with support being offered by the DfES to assist the Education Department in its efforts to tackle truancy and raise attendance.

1.2 The first seven pages of the report are in effect an executive summary and the findings and recommendations are developed in the body of the report.

1.3 Following consideration by the Audit and Best Value Committee, the report will be submitted to Cabinet for consideration together with any comment provided by the Director of Education. Cabinet may comment upon but not alter the report. The report and any comments provided by Cabinet will be referred to County Council for final approval.

1.4 The Education Scrutiny Committee will receive an interim monitoring report will be presented six months after the Council meeting and a final monitoring report will be presented during the spring of 2005.

**2 Recommendation**

2.1 That the committee receive and note the report.

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