

Committee: **Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services**
Date: **24 November 2005**
By: **Chair of the Project Board**
Title: **School Improvement Service Scrutiny Review - Update**
Purpose: **To inform the Committee of progress to date**

RECOMMENDATION - the Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the progress made to date

1. Financial Implication

1.1 There are no financial implications in this update report.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The Project Board held its initial meeting on 20 October 2005.

2.2 Representatives from the Centre for British Teachers (CfBT), who run the School Improvement Service for the County Council, presented a Pre-Review Position Statement to members.

2.3 A draft Project Initiation Document was also presented to members for them to develop to provide the scope and structure for the review.

2.4 Members have identified a range of evidence that they require and this is now being collated. They aim to carry out consultation with head teachers through the distribution of a questionnaire and a focus group meeting to be held in January.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The Project Board aim to finish the review in time to present their final report to the Scrutiny Committee on 23 March 2006.

4. Recommendation

4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the progress made to date on this review

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