

## REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee met on 7 June 2010. Attendees:-

Councillor Ensor (Chairman)  
Councillors Field, Kenward, Shing, St Pierre, Waite, Webb and  
Whetstone.

Mrs C Shaves (Police Authority representative) and Jeremy Alford  
(Health representative).

### **1 Scrutiny Review of Attainment in Mathematics at Key Stage 2 – Interim Report**

1.1 The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee considered the interim report presented by the Chairman of the Review Board on attainment in Mathematics at Key Stage 2. A copy of the Committee's report has previously been circulated to all Members and is available on request from Andy Cottell (Tel: 01273 481955).

1.2 At its meeting in September 2009, the Committee established a Scrutiny Review Board comprising of Councillor Michael Ensor (chairman), Councillor Rosalyn St Pierre, Councillor Francis Whetstone and Nerissa Parker, Parent Governor Representative.

1.3 The interim report of the Board contains a summary of progress with the review together with the interim findings and recommendations of the Review Board.

1.4 At its meeting on 27 July 2010 the Cabinet welcomed the interim report together with a report by the Director of Children's Services with observations on the Scrutiny Committee's report. The Cabinet agreed to recommend the County Council to welcome the recommendations set out in the report and to approve the response of the Director of Children's Services to the recommendations and their implementation.

1.5 The three recommendations are –

- Building upon the good practice employed by some schools, the Standards and Learning Effectiveness Service (0-11), in partnership with schools, to develop some low cost / no cost ideas for how a county wide programme can be developed that promotes and encourages a positive culture around mathematics in schools and at home.
- The Standards and Learning Effectiveness Service (0-11) to:
  - ☆ explore the development of a training course for all newly qualified and recently qualified teachers working in primary schools in East Sussex to help them build their confidence in teaching mathematics; and

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- ✧ work in partnership with schools to develop and enhance the current training programme so that there is a range of courses available which provide continued professional development in mathematics for primary teachers at all levels in their career.
- East Sussex County Council to work in partnership with education providers and other local authorities to ensure the continuation of the Mathematics Special Teacher programme and the Every Child Counts programme.

[See also report of the Cabinet, paragraph 2, page 23]

MICHAEL ENSOR  
*Chairman*

7 June 2010