

Review Title: **School Uniform Review**

Overview & Scrutiny Panel: **Children and Young People Panel**

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Process for Tracking O&S Recommendations - Guidance note for Cabinet Members

The enclosed table lists all the recommendations arising from the above Overview & Scrutiny Review. Individual recommendations are referred to the relevant named Cabinet Members (or whole Cabinet in the case of a whole Cabinet referral) as listed in the '**Cabinet Member**' column of the table. In order to provide the O&S Panel with a Cabinet response on each recommendation, the named Cabinet member (or whole Cabinet) is asked to complete the last 3 columns of the table as follows:

Decision Response

The Cabinet has the following options:

- **Accept** the Panel's recommendation
- **Reject** the Panel's recommendation
- **Defer** a decision on the recommendation because a response cannot be given at this time. This could be because the recommendation needs to be considered in light of a future Cabinet decision, imminent legislation, relevant strategy development or budget considerations, etc.

Implementation Date

- For 'Accept' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be implemented.
- For 'Defer' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be reconsidered.
- For 'Reject' decisions this is not applicable so write n/a

Rationale

Use this space to explain the rationale for your decision response and implementation date. For accepted recommendations, please give details of how they will be implemented.

Recommendations from School Uniform Review

School Uniform Review (Children and Young People Panel): Cabinet Response Table

Recommendation	Cabinet Member	Decision Response	Implementation Date	Rationale
1. Recommendation 1: Encourage all schools to regularly consult parents/carers about school uniform suppliers including cost, quality, practicality and durability.	Cllr Chris Watt	Accept	April 2011	Following discussion with Headteachers, (See Recommendation 4 below) comprehensive advice to schools will be issued in April 2011 ready for the new School Year in September. This will begin with recommendation 2 – reminding schools of what is in the code of practice, include the charter as the basis for good practice and also cover recommendations 3;
2. Recommendation 2: The Schools Admission Team should re-publicise the Schools Admission Code to all schools in Bath and North East Somerset (particularly sections 1.73, 1.90 and (NB typo here – the second 1.90 should be 2.14 which related to school uniform provision).	Cllr Chris Watt	Accept	April 2011	See 1 above
3. Recommendation 3: Work with schools to ensure that uniform/PE kit lists clearly identify basic uniform requirements, additional extras and pricing information.	Cllr Chris Watt	Accept	March 2011	Consider Inclusion in charter (see 4)
4. Recommendation 4: Children's Services to consult with all schools in Bath and North East Somerset on the draft school uniform charter (found in appendix 4) and recommend it's introduction for the new school year.	Cllr Chris Watt	Accept	March 2011	Primary Council and Bath Secondary Heads to be consulted and an agreed charter issued
5. Recommendation 5: Encourage schools to provide information to prospective	Cllr Chris Watt	Reject		School decision. But consider inclusion in charter (See 4 above)

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<p>parents/carers on associated education costs, preferably through a prospectus or an open day/evening before a child starts at the school, so that parents/carers can make informed choices about the cost of schooling and effectively budget for the costs of providing a uniform.</p>				
<p>6. Recommendation 6: Where possible, work with schools to ensure that there is not an over reliance on online ordering or web based information and that alternative formats are always available to parents/carers who may not have internet access.</p>	Cllr Chris Watt	Reject		School decision. But consider inclusion in charter (See 4 above)
<p>7. Recommendation 7: Further research could be undertaken, preferably through the Local Strategic Partnership and in consultation with Bath Citizens Advice Bureau, into other areas of exepnses in education e.g. school trips or the cost of the summer holidays that this research has identified.</p>	Cllr Chris Watt	Reject		<p>Schools are currently required to ask only for a contribution for curriculum based visits and all pupils must be enabled to attend these without payment. Each school provides a very wide range of school visits for which they are responsible for deciding charging, subsidies and any specific support for children in need.</p> <p>Lack of capacity in Children's Service to carry out further detailed research due to major restructure.</p>
<p>8. Recommendation 8: Support the targets/aims set out in the Area Assessment of Family Poverty to place the need to tackle family poverty centrally across the public sector through the Sustainable Community Strategy.</p>	Cllr Chris Watt	Accept	April 2011	<p>Children's Service policy and Charter shared with schools will be a contribution to the SCS.</p> <p>A key objective of the Children and Young People Plan is to address inequalities for specific groups of children and young people, especially those from low income families.</p>

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9. Recommendation 9: Encourage all parents/carers to donate school uniform/PE kit items for reusing when they are no longer needed.	Cllr Chris Watt	Accept	April 2011	School decision – part of Charter (See 4 above)
10. Recommendation 10: Encourage all schools to offer second-hand sales or ‘swaps’ and suggest that this might be undertaken through their PTAs.	Cllr Chris Watt	Accept	April 2011	School decision – part of Charter (See 4 above)
11. Recommendation 11: Promote the idea that schools should have a Governor to champion pupil inclusion and tackling child poverty within their school	Cllr Chris Watt	Accept	April 2011	School decision – part of Charter (See 4 above)
12. Recommendation 12: Promote the idea that schools should have an identified member of staff to act as a discreet/confidential contact for parents/carers who could help with applying for local charity grants or PTA grants (if available).	Cllr Chris Watt	Accept	April 2011	School decision – part of Charter (See 4 above)
13. Recommendation 13: Use money generated from second-hand sales to provide extra assistance to families in need, co-ordinated through an appointed pupil inclusion contact (see Recommendation 10).	Cllr Chris Watt	Reject		School decision
14. Recommendation 14: Ask schools to consider whether it is appropriate to offer sew on badges in order to offer greater	Cllr Chris watt	Accept	April 2011	School decision – part of Charter (See 4 above)

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