

The following report is submitted with the agreement of the Mayor as an urgent matter pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER CHAMPION FOR THE NEW DIPLOMA – proposed abolition of appointment

In 2008, the Council accepted a recommendation of the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) (endorsed by the Cabinet) that a Member Champion be appointed for the New Diploma Scheme. The OSC had made its recommendation following scrutiny of the then newly-introduced Scheme.

The Scheme no longer has the importance that was attached to it at the time and other approaches to 16 plus examination arrangements are under consideration by the Government.

In the circumstances, the appointment of a Member Champion for the Scheme is no longer considered to be necessary and the Governance Committee therefore recommends that it be abolished.