



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMISSION

4 April 2005

Report of the Education Commission

Report on the Education Commission Tour on 3 March 2005 and proposals for future visits and external meetings by the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Education Commission notes the report and agrees the suggestion outlined below for future meetings and external visits by the Commission.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Education Commission Tour on 3 March 2005 visited six Derby schools. The schools were selected by the Education Service to illustrate the wide range of condition, age and overall suitability prevailing within Derby schools. Those members who took part in the tour were in general agreement that it provided helpful insight into the problems faced by teachers and pupils at some schools, and into the difficulties faced by the Education Service when trying to address those problems.
- 2.2 In order to build upon this experience, and to provide the Commission with information that will subsequently be useful when considering proposals and formulating recommendations, it is suggested that the Commission should hold some of its future business meetings at school premises and that it should conduct more visits to Education Service premises in Derby.
- 2.3 Commission members are asked for their views on this suggestion, and, if they are in favour, to suggest premises that they consider the Commission should visit. It is felt that it could prove very informative for the Commission to visit the Schools PFI sites. This could be done within the next month or so.

For more information contact:

Background papers:

List of appendices:

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Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. Any costs arising from visiting Education Services premises can be contained within the Commission's budget.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report

Equalities impact

4. None arising from this report.

Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities

5. This report has the potential to link to the following corporate objectives, values and priorities:

Objectives:

- A stimulating and high quality learning environment

Values

- Adopt new ways of working wherever these will help us do things better and provide value for money, customer focussed services

Priorities

- No schools in 'causing concern' category
- Raising educational achievement