



Leicester  
City Council

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Cabinet

17 September 2007

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**Improving Schools for the Future – Leicester City Policy for School Improvement**

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**Report of the Corporate Director, Children & Young People's Services**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To present the Local Authority Policy for School Improvement.

**2. Summary**

The Leicester City Policy for School Improvement clearly identifies the ways in which the Local Authority will work in partnership with schools and governing bodies to raise standards and sets out the ways in which it will support, challenge and act to improve schools where this might be necessary. The impact of the policy will be carefully monitored.

**3. Recommendations**

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) endorse the Leicester City Policy for School Improvement; and
- (ii) request a further report detailing the funding implications of the Policy for School Improvement to enable consideration as part of the Council's overall budget strategy.

**4. Report**

The Policy for School Improvement is attached.

**5. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1. Financial Implications**

A number of actions proposed in the policy are likely to have cost implications. Some are a continuation or variation of current practice, and will therefore not require additional funding. Some however are beyond the level assumed in the current budget, in particular the targeted support and intervention for schools causing concern. A further report is currently being developed which separates out in more detail the implications of the funding. These will then be presented to enable the implications to be considered strategically as part of the Council's overall budget strategy.

Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance – ext 7750

## 5.2 Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.  
Guy Goodman, Head of Community Services Law - ext 7054

## 6. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Throughout</b>	
Policy	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Throughout</b>	
Sustainable and Environmental	<b>No</b>		
Crime and Disorder	<b>No</b>		
Human Rights Act	<b>No</b>		
Elderly/People on Low Income	<b>No</b>		

## 7. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

This policy will be based upon relevant Department for Children, Schools and Families policy and guidance, in particular: the Education and Inspections Act 2006, Schools Causing Concern (2007) and School Improvement Partner's Brief (2005).

## 8. Consultations

The policy has been developed through an extensive period of consultation (November 2006 to June 2007) with Headteachers, Governors, Trade Unions and other Partners/Stakeholder. A website has been used to update interested parties on the Schools' Extranet: <http://schools.leicester.gov.uk/home/ls/school-improvement-policy>

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### DECISION STATUS

<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Reason</b>	Significant effect on one or more wards
<b>Appeared in Forward Plan</b>	Yes
<b>Executive or Council Decision</b>	Executive (Cabinet)