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REPORT ON THE DRAFT LEA OFSTED ACTION PLAN

Report of the Director of Education

- 1. Purpose of the Report
- 1.1 To present the post of STED Action Plan which has been submitted to the DfES and Of STED.
- 2. Summary
- 2.1 An Action Plan has been produced to address the recommendations in the OfSTED Report. It had to be submitted to the DfES and HMCI by 21 September.
- 2.2 The draft was consulted on with schools and other partners and stakeholders before it was finalised.
- 2.3 The plan includes:
 - an introduction
 - background information to the inspection
 - information on the Education Development Plan
 - the action planning process
 - the recommendations
 - Monitoring and evaluation processes
 - The involvement of stakeholders
 - individual action plans for each recommendation
- 2.4 Each individual plan has an overview which:
 - makes reference to the relevant paragraphs within the Inspection Report

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- describes the service context
- specifies how the Action Plan will be resourced

Each plan describes:

- the activities to be undertaken
- the target group

- Officer responsibility
- time-scales for completion
- success criteria
- monitoring and evaluation processes
- cross reference to other statutory and non-statutory plans.

3. Recommendations

3.1 Cabinet is recommended to receive the plan as a basis for the action required to address the recommendations in the OfSTED report.

4. Financial and legal Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications of implementing the Action Plan are identified in the plans to address each recommendation.
- 4.2 Under section 39(2) of the Education Act 1997, the LEA is required to 'prepare a written statement of action which they propose to take in the light of the report and the period within which they propose to take it'. The regulations under section 39(3) require this statement (the action plan) to be published within 70 working days of the LEA receiving the report. The action plan should be sent to the Secretary of State and a copy to HMCI. Copies should be made available to members of the public on demand at a charge not exceeding the cost of supply.
- 4.3 Under the provisions of the Education (Publication of Local Education Authority Inspection Reports) Regulations 1998, LEAs are required to send a copy of the inspection reports and, when available, the resultant action plan to:
 - the governing body of every school maintained by them
 - the appropriate diocesan authority
 - every Training and Enterprise Council that provides assistance to persons who reside within the area
 - the principal of every institution within the further education sector in the area
 - the Audit Commission
 - at least one newspaper circulating in the area
 - at least one radio station serving the area
 - every careers service organisation which provides services to persons who reside in the area
 - every Health Authority whose area lies within the area served by the LEA
 - the director of social services
 - every public library in the area

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