FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

PROPOSED ATTAINMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Attainment Sub-Committee are to support the Council and its partners in:

- raising the aspirations of young people, and in particular to raise overall attainment, especially of vulnerable groups;
- improving the outcomes for children and young people in terms of their education, training and their social and economic wellbeing;
- ensuring access to all for early years childcare and education, primary and secondary education and lifelong learning;
- ensuring that children and young people's views and voices are evidenced in and integral to all of the above objectives.

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Attainment Sub-Committee will provide oversight, support and challenge to the activities of Wirral Council and its partners in relation to the following areas:

- Demonstrating the attainment of all young people aged 0 -19 (or 25 for those with a learning difficulty / disability);
- Driving forward the attainment of young people in vulnerable groups in order to 'narrow the gap';
- Examining the performance of all schools and colleges in the borough;
- Ensuring there is a prioritised response to schools undergoing Ofsted inspections and those in special categories;
- Improving participation levels of 16 -18 year olds in Education, Employment and Training
- Enhancing lifelong learning provision
- Monitoring Local Authority performance against its statutory duties

PROPOSED WORKING PRACTICES OF THE ATTAINMENT SUB COMMITTEE

Sub Committee meetings	
Chair	To be agreed
Membership	The membership of the Sub-Committee will be politically proportional. (On the current political balance, this translates into 4 Labour; 2 Conservative; 1 Liberal Democrat). In addition, the 4 statutory education co-optees will be members of the Sub-Committee.
Deputies	 Deputies for meetings will be allowed, drawn from: The remaining members of the Families & Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee or The deputies list for the Families & Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee.
Frequency	To meet a minimum of once per school term (for example, in July, November and March) for the first year and then reviewed
Venue	At a Wirral Council venue – probably Wallasey Town Hall
Work programme	 The Sub-Committee will identify a work programme for the year, to include: Task & Finish Groups Standing Items Specific Officer reports / presentations
Reporting Requirements	The Sub-Committee will provide a summary report following each meeting to the next available Policy & Performance Committee. The Summary report will identify key issues, concerns and make any necessary recommendations.
Communication & Transparency	Meetings will be held in public with agendas being published prior to the meeting and formal minutes being produced. Therefore, support from Committee services will be required