REVIEW:	Behaviour and Discipline Management in Schools	
Committee:	Committee Children's Services SC	Chair: Councillor
Lead support officer:		

SCOPING

Terms of Reference

- To review the current policy towards behaviour and discipline management in schools and establish the current scale of the issue.
- To consider the appropriateness of the policy and associated processes in light of relevant current national law/guidance/best practice.
- Following the review to advise the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) of the best policy to put in place to reduce instances of bad behaviour or indiscipline in schools.

Desired outcomes

- For the current policy to have been fully examined in public and in an open and transparent way (subject to the confidentiality of individual cases).
- For Members of the Review to have considered, if appropriate, a range of options for the future form of any policy.
- For any future policy to be capable of implementation in schools.

Key questions

- What are the areas of behaviour or indiscipline causing concern and how are they currently managed.
- How do breaches of behaviour or discipline affect other pupils or the school.
- What are the internal/external factors that affect behaviour or discipline in schools.
- Within the legal framework, what options are there to improve the current policy.
- What would be the implications of changing the policy (e.g. cost, increased need for resources etc).
- What means of measurement can be used to judge the success or otherwise of any policy.

Links to the Community Strategy

The Review Group will identify how the outcome of this review contributes to the objectives contained in the Herefordshire Community Strategy including the Council's Corporate Plan and the Children and Young People's Plan 2006/8.

Timetable	
Activity	Timescale
Agree approach, programme of consultation/research/provisional witnesses/dates	23 rd June 2006
Collect current available data	
Collect outstanding data	
Analysis of data	
Final confirmation of interviews of witnesses	
Carry out programme of interviews	
Agree programme of site visits	
Undertake site visits as appropriate	
Update to Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	6 th October 2006
Final analysis of data and witness evidence	
Prepare options/recommendations	
Present Final report to Children's Services Scrutiny Committee	15 th December 2006
Present options/recommendations to Cabinet	19 th March 2007
Cabinet response	
Implementation of agreed recommendations	
Members Councillors:	Support Officers