

## POST-OFSTED INSPECTION ACTION PLAN MONITORING

Report By: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

### Wards Affected

Countywide

### Purpose

1. To consider the progress made in implementing the Action Plan prepared in response to the judgements of the LEA Ofsted report in January 2001.

### Financial Implications

2. All cost implications have been provided for within the limits of the Education Budget.

### Report

3. Following a detailed inspection, Ofsted reported on its findings on the performance of the Herefordshire Education Directorate in early 2001. Overall, the Ofsted verdict was favourable. The Ofsted's conclusion was that –

*Herefordshire is an effective local education authority which deservedly has the overwhelming support of its schools... The Director of Education and senior staff have given good leadership during the transition from the previous authority, and the quality of services to schools has improved.*

The report identified some areas which could be improved, but

*they are few in number and the areas of effective practice greatly outweigh them... The Director of Education and senior staff have demonstrated their capability to establish an effective and improving LEA and they have the capacity to act on the recommendations of this report.*

4. The report made 24 recommendations in 5 broad areas for improvement. An action plan was formulated to address these issues, and to allocate responsibility, set timescales, and identify specific action required to implement the Plan. The Herefordshire Post-Ofsted Plan was subsequently used as a model for other LEAs.
5. The attached Appendix 1 summarises progress made in implementing the Plan. Each of the 24 recommendations is listed, alongside an indication of the action taken to date to implement all the improvements and actions that still need to be taken.

## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Committee considers the progress made to implement the Education Service Post-Ofsted Action Plan, and identifies any areas of concern or further action needed.**

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