

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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| Committee/Panel: | Education Advisory Panel |
| Date: | 14 June 2012 |
| Title: | Statutory guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services |
| Reference: | 4041 |
| Report From: | Director of Children's Services |

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1 Introduction

1.1 Since the 2004 Children's Act, the roles of Lead Member for Children's Services (LMCS) and the Director of Children's Services (DCS) have been statutory. New guidance on these roles has been issued recently and the aim of this report is to draw the attention of the Panel to this document.

2 New statutory guidance

2.1 The roles of LMCS and DCS continue to cover responsibilities in safeguarding, prevention and early intervention, partnership working, and education. The guidance is attached as Appendix 1 and Members are referred, in particular, to Section 28 of the document. This sets out, in essence, the continuing role of the local authority in education. It reflects, very closely, the stance that has been taken by Hampshire County Council at a time when some other LAs have become less confident as to their future roles, in respect of schools. It is, in fact, an affirmation of the work this LA has been undertaking, and the business of the Education Advisory Panel is an important part of that work.

3 Recommendation

3.1 That the Panel notes the report and welcomes the content of Section 28 of the statutory guidance.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

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| Hampshire safer and more secure for all: | Yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Maximising well-being: | Yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Enhancing our quality of place: | Yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1 No impact on equalities as a result of this report has been identified

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1 No impact on crime and disorder as a result of this report has been identified.

3. Climate Change:

3.1 No impact on climate change as a result of this report has been identified.