

## 12/11/03 - ITEM 3: CHILDREN'S GREEN PAPER

<b>Topic:</b>	<b>An aspect of CHILDREN'S SERVICES, such as welfare of Children Looked After</b>
<b>Why is the committee doing this?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member concern</li><li>• cross-boundary working (local authority, health, Cambridge Education Associates [CEA] - the authority's education contractor)</li><li>• service developments are currently taking place as part of Southwark's approach to meeting the vision within the Children's Green Paper, <i>Every Child Matters</i></li><li>• performance issue (e.g. poor educational attainment relative to the national average)</li><li>• use of joint working arrangements within scrutiny (for example, by linking with the Education, Youth &amp; Leisure Sub-Committee, if members of the Health &amp; Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee were in favour of this approach).</li></ul>
<b>Who/what does the committee seek to influence with this work?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• provide policy input into future service developments for children's services</li><li>• highlight performance issues to the Executive</li></ul>
<b>What will the committee's output be? -</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• full report with recommendations to the Executive</li></ul>
<b>Who does the committee need to receive advice/evidence from?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• statutory and voluntary organisations that provide services for children</li><li>• service users</li><li>• officers from the Council, the PCT and CEA</li><li>• members of Education, Youth and Leisure scrutiny sub-committee (if members agree to this form of joint working)</li></ul>
<b>What approach should the committee use to invite input?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• inviting witnesses to give evidence at meetings</li></ul>
<b>How should the review be publicised?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Southwark website</li><li>• Southwark Life</li></ul>