

FULL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

1. To scrutinise the work of the Council's Education and Children's Services Directorate
2. To provide a corporate framework for the scrutiny of Children's services as set out in the Children Act 2004, and to ensure effective accountability for providing a focus on the needs of children across all services of the Council, and the integration of all public services provided to children by the Council, the PCT and other partners
3. To investigate issues of concern to Reading's people which impact on the Council's strategic objective of promoting Reading as a learning city, and report to the Council or Cabinet on these matters.
4. To scrutinise progress with the improvement plans arising from Best Value Reviews conducted by the Authority into services or activities of the Education and Children's Services Directorate at a suitable interval after the improvement plan has been adopted.
5. To scrutinise matters referred to it from the Corporate, Community and External Affairs Scrutiny Panel.