

## **Educational Achievement Policy Committee**

**Chair:** Steve Beynon, Isle of Wight

This Policy Committee has lead responsibility for 'Enjoying and Achieving' and covers all aspects of educational achievement, including pre-school, primary school, secondary school, further education and training, higher education, adult and continuing education, informal learning and innovation, and support for the improvement of educational standards. The Committee liaises closely with the Health, Care and Additional Needs Policy Committee over the well-being and educational outcomes of children in care. This Policy Committee also leads on work with the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.

The Educational Achievement Policy Committee met at the ADCS Summer Conference 2007 and in December 2007. At the December 2007 meeting a presentation on the 14-19 agenda was made by Chris Tweedale, Deputy Director 14-19 reform. The key messages were:

- Need for employer engagement;
- Need for effective Information, Advice and Guidance
- Need to re-engage Education Business Partnerships
- Need for clarification the role of academies in the wider area agenda

ADCS representatives have responded to various external consultations linked to the Educational Achievement Policy Committee on behalf of ADCS. These include the following:

- Delivering world-class skills in a demand-led system (March 07)
- Post 16 Progression Measure (April 07)
- Draft regulations to apply Section 62A of the Education Act 2002 to PRUs (April 07)
- Key Stage 3 Test Absence Collection (December 07)
- Making Good Progress – Piloting 4 New Approaches (April 07)
- Raising expectations: staying in education and training post-16 (June 07)
- Review of Mathematics Teaching in Primary Schools and Early Years Settings: Call for Evidence (November 07)

External groups with ADCS representatives linked to the Educational Achievement Policy Committee include:

- AQA Council
- British Council League of Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers
- DCSF New Primary Partners Group
- DCSF Aim Higher National Partnership Board
- DCSF Project Board KS4 Scheme of Work-Focused Alternative Provision
- DCSF Service Children Education Owners Board
- DCSF 'Championing Children' Steering Group
- DCSF 14-16 Re-engagement Project Board

- DCSF New Relationship with Schools Steering Group
- DCSF Education Attainment Target Setting
- DCSF Manifesto for Learning Outside the Classroom National Advisory Group
- DCSF National Council for Educational Excellence
- Secretary of State DCSF National Children's Plan Working Groups
- DIUS FE Reform and Performance Board
- HEG National Heads, Education Officers and Governors Group
- ISSP Forum
- ISSP LGA/ISC
- QCA 0-11 Advisory Group
- UK National Commission for UNESCO Education Committee