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| <b>Title of Report:</b>            | <b>Stronger Communities Select Committee</b> |
| <b>Report to be considered by:</b> | Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission  |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>            | 2 November 2010                              |

**Purpose of Report:** To provide an update on the work of the Select Committee.

**Recommended Action:** To note the information.

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# Executive Report

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Select Committee met on 21 October 2010 and the draft minutes will be tabled at the meeting. A summary of the discussions held are as follows:
- 1.2 An update was received on progress with the Playbuilder Programme. There had been concern that the funding for 2010/11 would be cut or reduced, impacting on the projects planned across West Berkshire. However, Members were pleased to note the good news that this funding would be honoured in full.
- 1.3 A comprehensive report was received from the supporting small schools group and this is provided under agenda item 12.

## **2. Task Group update**

- 2.1 The Housing Register task group has held its first meeting and is due to meet again on 5 November 2010.

## **3. Discussion items scheduled for the next meeting**

- 3.1 The next meeting of the Select Committee is taking place on 27 January 2011. Draft agenda items are as follows:
  - (1) To monitor changes introduced to the Youth Service
  - (2) To consider any issues with primary school admissions in West Berkshire

## **4. New items for consideration**

- 4.1 Members supported adding an item to the work programme to explore the Big Society initiative. It was felt to be opportune to look at enabling people and encouraging them to take responsibility in their own communities. The Commission is asked to approve this addition to the work programme.

## **5. Work Programme**

- 5.1 The latest work programme for the Select Committee is contained within Appendix A of item 19 of this agenda.

## **Appendices**

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There are no Appendices to this report.