

## **Education and Lifelong Learning Committee**

### **REPORT OF THE PROJECT TO REDUCE BUREAUCRATIC BURDENS ON SCHOOLS**

#### **Purpose**

1. To provide the Committee with an opportunity to comment on the draft report of this project.

#### **Timing**

2. The final report is scheduled for approval by the Assembly in plenary debate on 10 July.

#### **Background**

3. The draft report looks at the range of activities which contribute to bureaucratic burdens on schools. It concludes:
  - All areas examined are necessary for school improvement
  - The systems in many areas are unduly burdensome
  - No area of activity can be removed but systems need to be better managed
  - The totality of burdens needs to be reduced – the recommendations and proposed action in each area of activity takes this forward
  - New burdens placed on schools should not add to the overall level but should be counterbalanced by removal or streamlining of existing burdens.
1. The report goes beyond the immediate responsibilities of the Assembly. It encompasses matters which are the responsibility of Estyn, ACCAC and local authorities. It has the support of those bodies – expressed in the case of local authorities by WLGA and ADEW.
2. The report to plenary will include an executive summary.

#### **Compliance**

3. The Assembly has a duty under Section 10 of the Education Act 1996, to promote the education of people in Wales. Sections 40 and 85 of the Government of Wales Act to

facilitate the exercise of that function. These powers are delegated to the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.

### **Financial Implications**

4. Some of the strands of activity outlined in the report have potential cost implications for the Assembly, Estyn or Assembly sponsored bodies such as ACCAC. The need for funding will be considered for each area of activity at the appropriate time.

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