

Petition to Schools and Learning Select Committee

Petition received from Ruth O'Hare:

"We the undersigned call for an Official Surrey County Council Elective Home Education policy to be drawn up in consultation with local home educators and in line with the existing law and guidelines."

The Select Committee is always grateful to hear the views of Surrey residents in regard to its policies. I welcome this submission from Ruth O'Hare.

It is important that we are clear about Elective Home Education policy. The draft policy was revised in September 2009 following consultation with local home educating families, a review of policies published by other Local Authorities and through discussion with other Local Authorities. It is in line with the current DCSF Guidelines to Local Authorities (2007) based on current legislation and case law.

It is anticipated that there will be changes to legislation following Graham Badman's recommendations after the Review of Elective Home Education in England 2009. In response to any changes it will be the task of the Elective Home Education Team in the Inclusion Service to ensure a revised policy, in line with new legislation, is put in place. All interested parties including local home educators will continue to be consulted.

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Schools and Learning Committee Chairman