

**CABINET COMMENTS ON THE REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SELECT COMMITTEE**

The Lead Member of the Children's Services Select Committee, Councillor Lynda Rice, presented the Select Committee's final report of its review of child protection procedures and policies in schools in the Borough to Cabinet on 15 March 2011.

The Chair placed on record the Cabinet's appreciation of the Select Committee's report and asked that the Director of Children's Services should produce a response to the Select Committee's recommendations (attached to the Assembly report at **Appendix C**).

Cabinet broadly welcomed the recommendations of the report, while recognising that some recommendations were directed to schools, but could be supported by the Council.

While accepting that interviews took place at five out of nine secondary schools, Cabinet noted that the size of the sample, against the whole school family of 58, was small.

Cabinet expressed reservations about some allegations made in the interviews about knife incidents which, if true, raised concerns about consistent reporting of knife incidents by schools.

The comments above will be taken into account when the action plan for implementation of the recommendations is drawn up and will be monitored by the Select Committee in six months.