The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 4

1. **Items in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill:** The Committee will agree a timetable and order of consideration for Stage 2 of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill.

3. **Proposed Adoption Bill:** The Committee will agree a remit for an adviser.

4. **Work Programme:** The Committee will note its future work programme.

5. **Early years inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

The following papers are enclosed for the meeting:

- **Agenda item 2**
  Clerk’s note on Stage 2 consideration  
  ED/S2/06/6/1

- **Agenda item 3**
  Remit for adviser (private paper)  
  ED/S2/06/6/2(P)

- **Agenda item 4**
  Clerk’s note on work programme (private paper)  
  ED/S2/06/6/3(P)

- **Agenda item 5**
  Draft report (private paper)  
  ED/S2/06/6/4(P)
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill – Stage 2

Introduction

1. The Committee will consider the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill at Stage 2 on 29 March 2006 and 19 April 2006.

2. In its Stage 1 report on the Bill, the Committee requested that the timetable for Stage 2 allowed the Committee to see the Scottish Executive’s response to a consultation on the headteachers’ and deputy headteachers’ appointment process. This paper proposes an order of consideration of amendments to provide the maximum possible time for members to consider the Scottish Executive’s response to the consultation on headteachers’ and deputy headteachers’ appointments.

Timetable

3. The Scottish Executive’s consultation on the headteachers’ and deputy headteachers’ appointment process closed on 28 February 2006 and the Scottish Executive intends to make its response available by Friday 17 March.

4. The Committee will first consider the Bill at Stage 2 on Wednesday 29 March 2006 and it is proposed that the amendments to all sections of the Bill except section 14 (“Procedures for appointment of headteacher or deputy and participation of a Parent Council”) are considered on that day. Amendments to section 14 will be considered at the Committee’s first meeting after the Easter recess – 19 April 2006.

5. Therefore the order of consideration will be Wednesday 29 March 2006: sections 1 to 13, 15 to 23 and the Schedule and on Wednesday 19 April 2006: sections 14 and 24 and the long title.

6. The deadlines for the lodging of amendments for these two days will be Friday 24 March 2006 and Thursday 30 March 2006. The Marshalled List for the second meeting will be available in print first thing on Tuesday 18 April.

Action

7. The Committee is invited to AGREE the above programme and order of consideration of amendments at Stage 2 of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill.

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