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All Norfolk Headteachers

information

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INFORMATION	Title	Children's Green Paper		
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To Headteachers of all Norfolk Schools

Dear Headteachers

Children's Green Paper

You will be aware of statements that have been made about how Norfolk is going to move forward in the light of the Green Paper proposals. Alison King, the Leader of the Conservative group, has indicated a strong wish to look seriously at what it would mean to establish a Director of Children's Services to oversee Education and Children's Social Services.

Tim Byles, Chief Executive of the Council has advised Mrs King that he would expect the initial findings of such a review to be available in January 2004. I

want you to know that I will be fully involved, together with the Director of Social Services, Lisa Christensen. It will also be a central feature of that review that schools, the full range of relevant partner organisations and (to the extent that is practicable) parents and children themselves will be able to have their say about what they feel would work best in Norfolk. The Government has signalled its desire to see a fundamental change in the organisation of services for children in Local Government, and Norfolk must now address this issue.

I hope you will join in contributing to our thinking over this very important matter in the next few months.

I would be grateful if you could make your Governors and Staff aware of the contents of this letter.

Yours sincerely
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