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**DEVELOPING JOINT SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM**

The draft terms of reference have been produced to assist the development of ideas around the function, principles and practices of a Joint Overview & Scrutiny Education Committee (JOSEC) for the purposes of providing accountability to the Central South Consortium

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Draft terms of reference – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Education Committee (JOSEC)

In considering the current functions of the Central South Consortium's Joint Education Service, the Learning and Innovation Network for Schools and the responsibilities of the Joint Education Committee, below are the draft terms of reference for the proposed JOSEC.

Taking into account the implications of the Robert Hill review and the changing national policy context as it relates to the future delivery of education services, it is recommended that the JOSEC review its terms of reference within twelve months of being constituted to ensure they are fit for purpose in providing effective accountability and support for the Central South Consortium.

- (i) To determine whether the Central South Consortium (CSC) is resulting in added value in making the schools in the five local authorities outstanding places for learning, teaching and achievement;
- (ii) To consider the development of CSC strategic plans to raise standards in schools;
- (iii) To consider proposals and offer comment in relation to the future development of CSC based education services;
- (iv) To monitor the effectiveness of the Executive Boards in ensuring the CSC operates within agreed budgets for JES and LINKS services and that resources are managed efficiently and effectively;

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- (v) To consider regular progress reports in respect of CSC based education services;
 - (vi) To review and monitor the process by which the JEC identifies strategic priorities and performance measures;
 - (vii) To evaluate the method by which CSC education services are assessed in terms of quality and impact on practice and student outcomes;
 - (viii) To act as consultees in the annual budget setting process for the draft LINKS and JES budgets and offer recommendations to the JEC as appropriate;
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