

AGENDA

Meeting: Childrens Services Select Committee
Place: Council Chambers, County Hall, Trowbridge
Date: Thursday 22 July 2010
Time: 10.30 am (9.30am - SEN Review Members' Briefing)

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Membership:

Cllr Paul Darby	Cllr Peter Hutton
Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr Jacqui Lay
Cllr Mary Douglas	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Peter Fuller	Cllr Helen Osborn
Cllr Mark Griffiths	Cllr Pip Ridout
Cllr Russell Hawker	Cllr Carole Soden (Chairman)
Cllr Jon Hubbard (Vice-Chair)	

Substitutes:

Cllr Ernie Clark	Cllr Chris Humphries
Cllr Peter Colmer	Cllr Tom James MBE
Cllr Christopher Devine	Cllr Howard Marshall
Cllr Peggy Dow	Cllr William Roberts
Cllr Nick Fogg	

Non-Elected Voting Members:

Mrs Alice Kemp	Parent Governor Representative (SEN)
Mr Neil Owen	Parent Governor Representative (Secondary)
Mrs Rosheen Ryan	Parent Governor Representative (Primary)
Dr Mike Thompson	Roman Catholic Church Diocesan Representative

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Mrs Di Dale	Further Education Representative
Chris Dark	Secondary Schools Headteacher Representative
Mrs Judith Finney	Primary School Headteachers Representative
John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Chris King	Children & Young People's Representative

PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is opened to the public

1. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Cllr Jon Hubbard's resignation as Vice-Chairman of the Committee takes effect from this meeting. It is therefore necessary to elect a new Vice-Chairman.

Nominations will be sought orally from those present at the meeting. Voting will be by way of a show of hands.

2. **Apologies and substitutions**

To receive apologies for absence.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 1 - 12)*

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2010.

4. **Declarations of Interests**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

5. **Chairman's Announcements**

6. **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. The Chairman will, however, exercise her discretion in order to ensure that members of the public have the opportunity to contribute.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question should give written notice (including details of any question) to the officer named above by **12:00 noon on 18 July 2010**.

7. **Basic Skills in Wiltshire** *(To Follow)*

A report from Alistair Cunningham, Service Director for Economy and Enterprise, on the level of basic skills amongst people in Wiltshire. This follows

the comment in the 2009 Common Area Assessment (CAA) that “too many people in Wiltshire do not have basic reading and maths qualifications. Public services have increased their targets for the number of people getting basic qualifications but it is not clear whether they have met them.”

8. **Coalition Proposals for Children's Services and Education** (Pages 13 - 16)

At the Committee's 8 June 2010 meeting, Members requested that a standing item be included on every Agenda providing updates on the new Government's proposals for children's services and education.

A verbal update to the written report will be provided at the meeting.

Members are asked to note the update.

9. **NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) progress update** (Pages 17 - 22)

A report from Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director for Children & Education, updating Members on the position regarding levels of NEET amongst young people in Wiltshire and the actions being taken to reduce them.

Merfyn Williams, Head of Individual Learner Support Services for Young People, will attend to answer Members' questions.

Members are asked to note the report and comment as appropriate.

10. **Youth Work Staffing Allocations 2010/11** (Pages 23 - 28)

A report from Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director for Children & Education, providing an update on proposed changes to the allocation of Youth Worker staffing discussed by the Committee on 28 January 2010.

Members are asked to note the content of the report and comment as appropriate on the current implementation of the staffing funding formula.

11. **Review of SEN Provision Post Consultation Report (to follow)** (To Follow)

A report from Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director for Children & Education, providing the outcome of the consultation on the Review of Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision that was held from 22 February to 24 May 2010. The report makes recommendations for decisions on future provision based on the matters considered in the Review.

On 8 June, the Children's Services Select Committee resolved to undertake two rapid scrutiny exercises looking at the Review of Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision, as follows:

1. Rapid scrutiny of the Review of Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision consultation process

2. Rapid scrutiny of the Review of Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision consultation results

Members will therefore be asked to consider the report of the Rapid Scrutiny Exercises alongside the Review of SEN Provision Post Consultation Report.

12. **Holding the Executive to Public Account** *(Pages 29 - 30)*

A document showing the items to be considered at the next meetings of Cabinet, Corporate Parenting Panel and Schools Forum are attached.

13. **Forward Work Programme** *(Pages 31 - 32)*

A copy of the draft Forward Work Programme is attached for consideration.

14. **Date of Next Meeting**

10.30am, 23 September 2010

15. **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

PART II

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed