

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: The Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 6 February 2018
Time: 2.30 pm

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Pre-meeting information briefing

There will be a briefing session starting at 1.30pm, immediately before the meeting. Its focus will be on **Recent Policy Changes and Reforms to the National Skills Landscape**

Membership:

Cllr Mary Champion
Cllr Anna Cuthbert
Cllr Andrew Davis
Cllr Christopher Devine
Cllr Mary Douglas
Cllr Sue Evans
Cllr David Halik

Cllr Deborah Halik
Cllr Jon Hubbard
Cllr Chris Hurst
Cllr Jacqui Lay
Cllr Hayley Spencer
Cllr Roy While

Substitutes:

Cllr Pat Aves
Cllr Clare Cape
Cllr Trevor Carbin
Cllr Ernie Clark
Cllr Stewart Dobson

Cllr Nick Fogg MBE
Cllr Peter Fuller
Cllr Russell Hawker
Cllr Jim Lynch
Cllr James Sheppard

Non-Elected Voting Members:

Dr Mike Thompson

Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Miss Tracy Cornelius	Primary Head Teacher Representative
Miss Sarah Busby	Secondary Head Teacher Representative
Mr John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
James Wilkins	Children & Young People's Representative
Mr Paul Daniel	Further Education Representative

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PART I

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

1 **Apologies**

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 7 - 12)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th December 2017.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

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. Please contact the officer named on the front of the agenda for any further clarification.

Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution.

Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named on the front of this agenda no later than 5pm on Tuesday 30th January in order to be guaranteed of a written response. In order to receive a verbal response questions must be submitted no later than 5pm on Thursday 1st February. Please contact the officer named on the front of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

6 **Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations** *(Pages 13 - 38)*

The committee will receive a report on pupil performance in public tests and examinations. The report provides an overview of pupil performance at the end of each key stage using the latest available data. It compares attainment in Wiltshire with national, south west and statistical neighbour performance and where possible performance trends are identified.

Members are asked to consider and comment on any observations regarding the report and the data.

7 **Home Schooled Children** *(Pages 39 - 82)*

The Children's Select Committee has received this report in response to a query regarding Wiltshire's home-schooled children. The report included in this agenda provides information regarding the arrangements for monitoring Elective Home Educated children.

Members are asked to comment on the report and the role of Wiltshire Council in monitoring Elective Home Education and to consider requesting an annual update.

8 **Population Growth**

The committee will receive a report detailing population growth in Wiltshire.

Report to follow as supplement.

9 **Nursery Places – 30hours Free Entitlement for Working Parents**

The committee will receive an update report as agreed in January 2017, reporting on the impact of the increased childcare entitlement from September 2017.

Report to follow as supplement.

10 **Final Report of the Children in Care Leavers Rapid Scrutiny Exercise**

The committee will receive the final report of the rapid scrutiny exercise performed on 23rd January.

Report to follow as supplement.

11 **DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education -**

A report by Terence Herbert, Corporate Director, is attached presenting an update on developments relating to children's services arising from the Department for Education.

12 **Task Group Updates** *(Pages 83 - 86)*

A report by the Senior Scrutiny Officers providing an update on Task Group Activity since the last meeting is attached.

13 **Forward Work Programme** *(Pages 87 - 90)*

The Committee is asked to note the attached document showing the relevant items from the overview and scrutiny forward work programme plus relevant items on the current Cabinet work programme.

14 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 17th April at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 10.30am.

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