

## AGENDA

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**Meeting:** Children's Services Select Committee  
**Place:** Committee Rooms B-D, Monkton Park, Chippenham  
**Date:** Thursday 24 November 2011  
**Time:** 10.30 am

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### Membership:

Cllr Christine Crisp	Cllr Russell Hawker
Cllr Paul Darby	Cllr Jon Hubbard
Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Peter Davis	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Mary Douglas	Cllr Helen Osborn
Cllr Peter Fuller	Cllr Carole Soden
Cllr Mark Griffiths	

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### Substitutes:

Cllr Ernie Clark	Cllr Tom James MBE
Cllr Christopher Devine	Cllr John Knight
Cllr Peggy Dow	Cllr Jeff Osborn
Cllr Nick Fogg	Cllr William Roberts

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### Non-Elected Voting Members:

Rev 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

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### Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

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

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## **PART I**

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

1) **Apologies and substitutions**

2) **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 1 - 10)*

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Children's Services Select Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (copy attached).

3) **Declarations of Interests**

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

4) **Chairman's Announcements**

5) **Public Participation and Councillors Questions**

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 above 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 above (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) no later than 5pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the officer named on the first page 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) **Preventing Children and Young People from entering the care system**  
(Pages 11 - 16)

A report from the Corporate Director for Children and Education outlining the work being undertaken to prevent children and young people from entering the care system and assisting with a return home where appropriate.

This report was requested by the Committee at its September meeting and members are asked to note its contents. If there are particular areas of interest, the Committee may wish to refer these to the Placements for LAC Task Group, which undertakes more detailed work on all issues affecting looked after children in Wiltshire.

7) **The future development of the Young People's Support Service (YPSS)**  
(Pages 17 - 30)

A report from the Corporate Director for Children's Services and Education proposing the transformation of educational provision for permanently excluded pupils of secondary school age.

The Young People's Support Service (YPSS) is currently responsible for this provision. It consists of four centres: Bridge Centre in Chippenham, Trinity Centre in Trowbridge, Kennet Centre in Devizes, and The John Ivie Centre in Salisbury. For some time the Council has recognised that the service required improvement in some areas and in autumn 2010 a full review of the whole service was carried out. Following this, a proposal to delegate responsibility for educational provision for permanently excluded young people to secondary schools was considered by Cabinet on 15<sup>th</sup> November. The Committee will be advised of Cabinet's decision at the meeting (it will also be available on the Council's website).

The Committee is asked to consider the attached report, the decisions taken by Cabinet and, if appropriate, make recommendations with respect to the implementation/monitoring of the agreed proposals.

8) **Coalition Update - September to November 2011** (Pages 31 - 38)

Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director for DCE, will present the update attached on the Coalition Government's proposals for children's services and education.

9) **Budget & Performance Monitoring - DCE** (Pages 39 - 42)

A version of the Business Plan Scorecard report presented to Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> November is attached, edited to contain only information pertinent to children and education.

There is no Budget revenue monitoring report this month.

Where possible, members are asked to forward any specific questions

regarding the current DCE budget or performance position to the Senior Scrutiny Officer in advance of the meeting.

10) **Report of the Placements for Looked After Children (LAC) Task Group: Draft Children in Care Commissioning (CiC) Strategy** *(To follow)*

A report from the Senior Scrutiny Officer presenting the response of the Placements for LAC Task Group with respect to the Children in Care (CiC) Commissioning Strategy consultation. This will follow.

The CiC Commissioning Strategy will replace the Placements for LAC Commissioning Strategy, which was the original focus of the Placements for LAC Task Group. The new strategy has a broader focus and covers all services for children in care instead of concentrating only on placements.

The Placements for LAC Task Group met to consider the draft CiC Strategy on 14<sup>th</sup> November and agreed the conclusions and comments included in the attached report. The Committee is asked to:

1. Endorse the comments within the report as its response to the Children in Care Commissioning Strategy consultation;
2. Delegate responsibility for considering the final Children in Care Commissioning Strategy to the Placements for LAC Task Group, which will meet in late February and refer any recommendations directly to Cabinet for consideration on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

11) **Task Group update** *(Pages 43 - 46)*

An update on Committee Task Group activity is attached.

12) **Forward Work Programme** *(Pages 47 - 54)*

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

13) **Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for 10.30am, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

14) **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**