

## AGENDA

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**Meeting:** Children's Services Select Committee  
**Place:** Committee Rooms A-C, Monkton Park, Chippenham  
**Date:** Thursday 26 January 2012  
**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 (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Griffiths	

### 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

### 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

### 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

## 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 - 8)*

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 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 no later than 5pm on **Thursday 19 January 2012**. 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) **Coalition Update** *(Pages 9 - 18)*

Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, will present the attached update on developments relating to children's services arising from the Coalition Government.

7) **Budget Monitoring** *(Pages 19 - 30)*

A condensed version of the Revenue Budget Monitoring report presented to Cabinet on 13 December 2011, edited to contain only information pertinent to children and education, is attached. This represents the revenue budget position as at October 2011.

There is no performance report this month.

Where possible, members are asked to forward any specific questions regarding the current DCE budget position to the Senior Scrutiny Officer in advance of the meeting.

8) **OFSTED Rating of Children's Services 2011** *(Pages 31 - 38)*

A report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, following OFSTED's 2011 assessment of the performance of children's services within Wiltshire is attached.

The Committee is asked to note the content of the report and attached letter.

9) **Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations 2011** *(Pages 39 - 54)*

A report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, providing an overview of pupil performance at the end of each key stage and comparing Wiltshire's attainment with national expectations across all phases is attached.

National publication of the examinations for young people aged 16 and 18 has been delayed and will not be available until 26 January 2012. As a consequence the detail in this paper concentrates on pupil performance in the Foundation Stage and at Key Stages 1, 2 and 3. A supplementary paper will be prepared as soon as the validated results for Key Stage 4 and Post-16 become available. It is anticipated that it will be possible to provide a verbal update for this meeting.

Julie Cathcart, Head of School Improvement, will attend to answer Members' questions.

10) **Adult Education Review**

Simon Burke, Head of Business and Commercial Services, will provide a verbal update on a review of the Council's informal adult learning provision.

On 17 January 2012, Cabinet resolved that a review of the Council's informal adult learning provision be undertaken to ensure that it is appropriate to the needs of Wiltshire communities and the expectations of the Department of Business Innovation and Skill (DBIS). DBIS intends to pilot locally based "community learning trust" models to channel its future funding for adult education and to lead the planning of local provision.

Cabinet also resolved to undertake a service-led consultation with service users, Area Boards, communities and partners on the development of a service to facilitate provision at a local level instead of the focus being on a fixed place of delivery. Recommendations arising from the consultation will be presented to the Cabinet to consider at a later date.

11) **Forward Work Programme** *(Pages 55 - 62)*

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

12) **Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee's next meeting will take place at 10.30am on 29 March 2012 at Monkton Park, Chippenham.

13) **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**

None