

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Services Select Committee
Place: Committee Rooms A-C, Monkton Park, Chippenham
Date: Thursday 29 March 2012
Time: 10.30 am

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Cllr Peter Davis	Cllr Bill Moss
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Cllr Ernie Clark	Cllr Tom James MBE
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Rev Alice Kemp	Parent Governor Representative (SEN)
Mr Neil Owen	Parent Governor Representative (Secondary)
Mrs Rosheen Ryan	Parent Governor Representative (Primary)
Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocesan RC 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 confirm and sign the minutes of the Children's Services Select Committee meeting held on 26 January 2012 (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 22 March 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 Changes - Update January to March 2012** *(Pages 9 - 14)*

A report from Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, on developments relating to children's services arising from the Coalition Government.

7) **Budget and Performance monitoring** (Pages 15 - 36)

A condensed version of the Revenue Budget Monitoring report presented to Cabinet on 15th February 2012, edited to contain only information pertinent to children and education, is attached. This represents the revenue budget position as at December 2011 (period 9).

Also attached is a condensed version of the Business Plan Scorecard report presented to Cabinet on 15th February 2012, edited to contain only information pertinent to children and education.

The Committee is asked to consider the reports provided and comment as appropriate. Where possible, members are asked to forward any specific questions regarding the current budget and performance position to the Senior Scrutiny Officer in advance of the meeting.

8) **Local Safeguarding Children's Board ((LSCB) - Annual Report 2010/11**
(Pages 37 - 98)

A report from Sarah Webb, Head of Safeguarding, introducing the Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB), the multi-agency strategic Board which co-ordinates policies, training and all multi-agency safeguarding systems, and ensures the effectiveness of safeguarding children work.

In order to meet the requirements of the requirements of the Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, the Wiltshire LSCB Annual Report 10-11 must produce and publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area.

Members are asked to note the Annual Report of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board 2010-11 and its Business Plan for 2011-13 and comment as appropriate.

NB. In July, the Committee will receive the LSCB's draft Annual Report for 2011-12.

9) **The future development of the Young People's Support Service (YPSS) - update** (Pages 99 - 112)

A report from Corporate Director, Carolyn Godfrey, providing an update on Wiltshire's development of the Department for Education's (DfE) Power to Innovate (PTI) and the proposed closure of the Young People's Support Service (YPSS) in August 2012 following the Cabinet decision in November 2011. Reference is also made to the provision for young people currently in the

service who will be directly affected by the closure of YPSS.

The Committee last considered this issue in November 2011 when the Committee received a report proposing the transformation of education provision for permanently excluded students of secondary school age. The proposal was essentially to close Wiltshire's four YPSS centres in Chippenham, Trowbridge, Devizes and Salisbury and to delegate the responsibility for educating permanently excluded students to secondary schools, which would receive the devolved funding. Members welcomed the trial, which they felt was most likely to provide an improved service for young people, and requested a progress report at this meeting of the Committee.

Mark Brotherton, Head of Targeted School & Learner Support, will attend to answer members' questions. The Committee is asked to consider the information provided and comment as appropriate.

10) **Wiltshire Council funding for Ask - family support services**

This item was requested following recent interest in changes to the Council's contract with Ask – a voluntary sector provider of family support services. A report will follow

11) **Trading services to out-of-county schools - Proposal to establish a task group**

At the meeting of Full Council on 28th February, it was agreed that consideration should be given to establishing a scrutiny task group to explore opportunities for generating further income to the Council through increased trading of services to schools in other counties.

In January, the Organisation and Resources Select Committee discussed the level of trading currently conducted by the Council (following discussion of the Business Services forecast overspend of £0.100 million) and resolved to include a policy paper on the role of the Council as a provider and/or commissioner of services, including the current traded services in education, on the Committee's forward work plan. A preliminary item on this will be discussed by the O&R Select Committee on 5th April.

The Committee is invited to discuss the proposal for a scrutiny task group, its terms of reference, and (if it chooses to establish a task group) consider possible links with the work of the Organisation and Resources Select Committee.

12) **Task Group update** *(Pages 113 - 116)*

The Committee is asked to note the update on task group activity attached.

13) **Forward Work Programme** *(Pages 117 - 124)*

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

14) **Urgent Items**

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

15) **Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for 10.30am, Thursday 31st May, Monkton Park, Chippenham.

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