

## AGENDA

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**Meeting:** Children's Select Committee  
**Place:** Committee Rooms A - C, Monkton Park, Chippenham  
**Date:** Thursday 27 September 2012  
**Time:** 10.30 am

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### Membership:

Cllr Paul Darby	Cllr Russell Hawker
Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr Jon Hubbard
Cllr Peter Davis	Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Peggy Dow	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Peter Fuller	Cllr Sheila Parker
Cllr Mark Griffiths	Cllr Carole Soden (Chairman)
Cllr Mollie Groom	

### Substitutes:

Cllr Christopher Devine	Cllr Helen Osborn
Cllr Nick Fogg	Cllr Jeff Osborn
Cllr Tom James MBE	Cllr William Roberts
Cllr John Knight	

### 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	Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

### Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Mrs Di Dale	Further Education Representative
Mrs Judith Finney	Primary School Headteacher Representative
Mr John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Kaylum House	Children & Young People's 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 1 - 12)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the Children's Select Committee meeting held on 26 July 2012.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary 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 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 20 July 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 **Disabled Children and Adults (DCA) Pathfinder** *(Pages 13 - 18)*

A report from Carolyn Godfrey and Sue Redmond, Corporate Directors, providing an update on the Green Paper, 'Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability', and Wiltshire's approach to this as a pathfinder.

In 2011 work started on the disabled children and adults review aimed at giving more choice and control to children and families, ensuring the Council worked efficiently and improving the transition process from children to adult services. This review of the services for disabled children and adults was listed as a priority in the Business Plan 2011-15.

At the same time, the government published a [Green Paper](#) proposing radical reforms to systems for identifying, assessing and supporting children and young people with disabilities or special educational needs. In September 2011 confirmation was received that Wiltshire was one of 20 local authorities selected to be a pathfinder for this Green Paper work. As the work of the DCA review and the requirements of the green paper are aligned, the two pieces of work were brought together and are now managed as the Disabled Children and Adults (DCA) Pathfinder.

The Committee is asked to note the information provided and agree arrangements for further scrutiny as appropriate.

7 **Coalition Changes - July to September 2012** *(Pages 19 - 22)*

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

The Committee is asked to consider the report and agree further action as appropriate.

8 **Executive response to the Final Report of the Special Schools and Post-16 SEN Task Group** *(Pages 23 - 32)*

A report from the Cabinet Member for Children's Services presenting the executive response to the report of the Special Schools and Post-16 SEN Task Group, which was endorsed by the Committee in July. The report also contains responses from Wiltshire NHS to recommendations number 2, 3 and 10, which relate to services commissioned by the PCT.

When the Committee endorsed the report, it was resolved:

1. To endorse the final report and recommendations of the Special Schools and Post-16 SEN Task Group, subject to an amendment in paragraph 49 so that it reads, "the Task Group is aware from recent reports in the local media that Wiltshire College's funding from Central Government has been reduced".
2. To request a response from the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and other parties where appropriate to be received at the Committee's next meeting.
3. That following the receipt of the responses, the Task Group reconvenes to undertake further work, to include:

- a visit to Wiltshire College's provision for post-16 learners with SEN;
- consideration of the identification of Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties (BSED) in primary school aged children;
- an investigation to identify out of County resources being used by Wiltshire;
- an examination of mainstream schools to identify the level of SEN provision they make.

Members are asked to note the response of the Cabinet Member and agree arrangements for further Task Group activity in addition or amendment to the bullet points listed above as appropriate.

9 **Report of the FE in the Salisbury Area Task Group: Concerns raised by Sarum Academy regarding the Task Group's final report** *(Pages 33 - 48)*

A report from the Further Education in the Salisbury Area Task Group, having considered the concerns raised by Sarum Academy regarding the Task Group's final report.

At its July meeting, the Children's Select Committee received the response of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to the Task Group's final report. At this meeting, Ruth Johnson, Principal of Sarum Academy, raised a number of concerns about the report's circulation and its accuracy in regards to Sarum Academy. The Children's Select Committee asked the Task Group to reconvene to consider the points raised and report back to the Committee at a later date. The Task Group met on 24 August and were joined by Ruth Johnson, Principal of Sarum Academy.

The Committee is asked to note the Task Group's conclusions and bring them to the attention of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

10 **Task Group Update** *(Pages 49 - 50)*

Members are asked to note the updates on the following task group activity attached:

- Safeguarding Children & Young People Task Group
- Major Contracts Task Group

11 **Forward Work Programme** *(Pages 51 - 52)*

The Committee is asked to note the attached draft Forward Work Programme.

12 **Urgent Items**

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

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 29 November 2012, starting at 10.30am at the Council's Offices, 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**

None