

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: Committee Room A - Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham
SN15 1ER
Date: Thursday 28 March 2013
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 Mary Douglas	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Peggy Dow	Cllr Sheila Parker
Cllr Peter Fuller	Cllr Carole Soden (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Griffiths	

Substitutes:

Cllr Christopher Devine	Cllr John Knight
Cllr Nick Fogg	Cllr Helen Osborn
Cllr Mollie Groom	Cllr Jeff Osborn
Cllr Tom James MBE	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	Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Mrs Di Dale	Further Education Representative
Mr John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Kaylum House	Children & Young People's Representative

PART I

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

1 **Apologies**

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 1 - 8)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the Children's Select Committee meeting held on 29 November 2012.

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 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 21 March 2013**. 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 **Final Report of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group**
(Pages 9 - 74)

A report is attached presenting the conclusions and recommendations of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group.

The Task Group was established in May 2012 following a multi-agency Ofsted inspection of Wiltshire, undertaken in March 2012. The inspection identified significant failings in the contribution made by local agencies in Wiltshire to ensuring that children and young people were properly safeguarded.

The Task Group met on 16 occasions in addition to undertaking many other evidence-gathering activities. This report contains 41 recommendations.

The Committee is asked to endorse the Task Group's Final Report and refers its recommendations to the relevant executive bodies for response

7 **Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations 2012** (Pages 75 - 104)

A report from Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, providing an overview of pupil performance at the end of each key stage and compares Wiltshire's attainment with national, south west and statistical neighbours for all phases.

Jayne Hartnell, Coordinator for Self Evaluation and Professional Development will attend to answer Members' questions.

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and explore any areas for further scrutiny.

8 **Disabled Children and Adults (DCA) Pathfinder - Update** (Pages 105 - 110)

A report from Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, providing an update on the development surrounding the green paper 'Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability' and Wiltshire's approach to this as a pathfinder.

An initial report was brought to Committee in September 2012 and update was requested 12 months hence. This paper summarises the key learning to date and developments from DfE in relation to the draft legislation.

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

9 **Coalition Changes - Update November 2012 to March 2013** (Pages 111 - 118)

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.

10 **Task Group Update** (Pages 119 - 120)

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

attached:

- Special Schools & Post-16 SEN Task Group
- Major Contracts Task Group

11 **Updated Response to the Report of the Further Education in the Salisbury Area Scrutiny Task Group** *(Pages 121 - 136)*

A report from Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, providing an update on developments following the final report of Further Education in the Salisbury Area Scrutiny Task Group (May 2012).

In September 2010, the Committee established a task group to undertake a review of the post-16 education available in the Salisbury area. The Task Group reported its findings in May 2012 and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services responded in July 2012.

The Committee resolved to reconvene the Task Group 12 months hence to undertake a review of progress with the implementation of its recommendations. Members will therefore be asked to confirm the decision to reconvene the Task Group at its first meeting following the 2013 elections on 6 June. The attached report represents a interim update on developments.

The Committee is asked to consider the update provided and submit any recommendations for further action for discussion at the next Committee meeting on 6 June.

12 **Review of the Work of the Children's Select Committee** *(Pages 137 - 144)*

A report is attached highlighting key aspects of the work undertaken by the Select Committee during recent times and to recommend topics as legacy items to the Management Committee for possible inclusion in a new overview and scrutiny work programme after the elections.

The current Management Committee has asked that each of the select committees produce a brief "end of term" style report in order to highlight some of the good work done. The report is also intended to provide the opportunity for the select committees to recommend ongoing pieces of work for possible inclusion in the overview and scrutiny work programme of the new Council.

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