

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

5 March 2019

Task Group Update

Purpose

To provide an update on recent task group activity and propose any decisions requiring Committee approval.

1. Traded Services for Schools Task Group

Membership:

Mr John Hawkins (Chairman)
Cllr Trevor Carbin
Cllr Jon Hubbard
Cllr Tony Jackson

Supporting Officer: Marie Gondlach

Terms of reference:

1. To review the proposed developments for traded services to schools, considering the outcomes of the service review of traded services (commenced in October 2016), with a particular focus on the following areas:
 - a) The model for the centralised trading unit and the proposed traded services team structure and appointments to ensure sustainability and quality of service;
 - b) The cost of services that are currently provided against projected costs to ensure value for money;
 - c) The plans for marketing to ensure continuous take-up;
 - d) The current policy;
 - e) How traded services will be future-proofed.

2. To review and comment on the Cabinet report regarding the proposals for the future of outdoor education in Wiltshire, with particular focus on the Evidence based analysis that led to the options presented within the report. Comments from the task group will be presented to Cabinet at the same meeting at which the report is considered (scheduled for 28 March 2018 at the time of writing).

3. To review and comment on:
 - a) the Council's advertising of the two outdoor education sites (Braeside and Oxenwood);
 - b) the Council's consideration of expressions of interest, including evaluation

criteria and weighting;
c) the report to Cabinet (planned for 9 October 2018 at time of writing)
presenting the findings on the expressions of interests.

Recent Activity:

The task group has meetings scheduled as follows:

- Monday 25 February – update on outdoor education bids
- Friday 8 March – focus on traded services

A verbal update will be provided by the Chairman of the task group, Mr John Hawkins.

The task group is working towards presenting its final report on Traded Services at the next available meeting of the Children's Select Committee.

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