

Forward Work Programme – Children’s Services Select Committee

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| 22nd July 2011 | | | | | | |
| Coalition Changes - Update from Department for Children and Education | A standing item detailing recent changes made by the Coalition Government. | - | - | Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk | Lynda Cox lynda.cox@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 07500 605299 | Summary of Legislative Change (Page 11) |
| Budget & Performance Monitoring | A standing item reporting the latest budget and performance monitoring information for the Department of Children & Education. | - | - | | Henry Powell henry.powell@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 01225 718052 | |
| Reducing Child Poverty | This report will go to Cabinet on 26 July – to agree the strategy. | Jan 2011–April 2011 National strategy also being developed in similar timescale – final document due to be published by April 2011. | Child Poverty Needs assessment: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/childrenyoungpeoplefamilies/reducingchildpovertyconsultation.htm | Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk | Lynda Cox lynda.cox@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 07500 605299 | |

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| <p>Denominational Home to School Transport</p> <p>TBC</p> | <p>This report will go to Cabinet on 26 July – to seek approval for a change to the Council's Education Transport Policy, withdrawing denominational transport assistance with effect from September 2012.</p> | <p>Letters being sent to affected schools, parents and the Diocese giving the opportunity to comment on the proposal.</p> | <p>None</p> | <p>Cllr Dick Tonge richard.tonge@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> | <p>Ian White ian.white@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> | |
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| 13-19 Commissioning Strategy | This report will go to Cabinet on 13 September – to approve the 13-19 Commissioning Strategy which will include proposals for future organisation of youth services and for making £600,000 savings noted in the financial plan. | A draft strategy is being issued early in April 2011. This will allow for consultation on the strategy and proposals for youth services prior to recommendations being made to Cabinet. | None. | Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk | Julia Cramp julia.cramp@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 01225 718221 | |
| 24th November 2011 | | | | | | |
| Coalition Changes - Update from Department for Children and Education | A standing item detailing recent changes made by the Coalition Government. | - | - | Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk | Lynda Cox lynda.cox@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 07500 605299 | Summary of Legislative Change (Page 11) |
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| Looked After Children Commissioning Strategy | This is scheduled to go before Cabinet on 18 th October 2011 | (DETAILS NEEDED) | (DETAILS NEEDED) | (DETAILS NEEDED) | (DETAILS NEEDED) | |
| 26th January 2012 | | | | | | |
| Coalition Changes - Update from Department for Children and Education | A standing item detailing recent changes made by the Coalition Government. | - | - | Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk | Lynda Cox lynda.cox@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 07500 605299 | Summary of Legislative Change (Page 11) |
| Pupil Performance figures | Annual report on educational attainment. | - | - | Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk | Stephanie Denovan stephanie.denovan@wiltshire.gov.uk | |
| Ofsted Children’s Services Rating 2011 | | - | - | Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk | Carolyn Godfrey carolyn.godfrey@wiltshire.gov.uk | |
| 15th March 2012 | | | | | | |
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| Task Groups | Terms of Reference | Next meeting | Chairman | Officer Contact | Business Plan 2011-15 reference |
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| <p>Further Education in the Salisbury Area Task Group</p> | <p>a. To identify the number of young people from the Salisbury area who travel out of county and for long distances to access 16-19 education provision.</p> <p>b. To identify why those young people travelling long distances to access provision do so, the quality of life and employment implications, and the financial and environmental impact.</p> <p>c. To seek young people’s perception of the 16-19 education provision available in the Salisbury area, both in and out of county.</p> <p>d. If a gap is identified in the provision of 16-19 education in Salisbury area, to make constructive, workable recommendations as to how that gap might be filled.</p> | <p>10th June 10.00am</p> <p>St Joseph’s Catholic School, Salisbury</p> | <p>Dr Michael Thompson</p> | <p>Henry Powell</p> | |
| <p>Major Contracts Task Group</p> | <p>a. to hold contractors to account for the delivery of public services – in relation to those contracts which fall within the remit of the Children’s Services Select Committee</p> <p>b. to carry out mid-year and annual reviews of major contracts</p> <p>c. to investigate areas of poor performance and concerns arising from contract reviews and to make recommendations for improvement as appropriate</p> <p>d. to establish links with the relevant procurement boards so as to ensure appropriate involvement in the build up to contract renewal</p> <p>e. to periodically report into the Children’s Services Select Committee on matters arising from the task group’s activities during the year</p> <p>f. to produce an annual report for the Children’s Services Select Committee on the main findings and recommendations arising from the work of the task group.</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>Cllr Bill Moss</p> | <p>Senior Scrutiny Officer</p> <p>01225 718052</p> <p>Henry.powell@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> | |

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| <p>Placements for Looked After Children (LAC) Task Group</p> | <p>a. To monitor and scrutinise the implementation of the Placements for LAC Commissioning Strategy and its impact upon a) outcomes for Wiltshire’s looked after children and their families/carers, and b) the Placements for LAC budget.</p> <p>b. To consider issues that have particular relevance to looked after children, including, but not limited to, accommodation and homelessness, fostering and adoption processes, educational support for looked after children, and support for their parents/carers and families.</p> <p>c. To monitor and scrutinise how the Council addresses the Family Placements Service as a key priority within the Business Plan 2011-15, including the specific objectives listed under this priority.</p> <p>d. To meet four times per year, with meeting dates agreed in advance where possible.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC July 2011 • 20th Sep 2011 • 6th Dec 2011 | <p>Cllr Jon Hubbard</p> | | <p>Business Plan: Protect – Invest – Save (Page 52)</p> <p>Financial Plan: Protecting & safeguarding vulnerable children (Page 13)</p> |
| <p>Special School and Post-16 SEN Task Group</p> | <p>a. To establish the strengths and weaknesses of current special school and post-16 SEN provision in Wiltshire, taking into account the views of service users, parents and other stakeholder groups;</p> <p>b. To consider examples of best practice in special school and post-16 provision in Wiltshire and other authority areas;</p> <p>c. To make recommendations with respect to how special schools and post-16 SEN provision can be developed to ensure improved outcomes for Wiltshire residents with SEN.</p> | <p>TBC</p> | <p>Cllr Graham Payne</p> | | <p>Business Plan: Invest in: children’s attainment (Page 60)</p> <p>Financial Plan: Investment in children’s attainment (Page 19)</p> |

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| <p>SEN Green Paper – rapid scrutiny group</p> | <p>To respond to the Government’s Green Paper on SEN, <i>‘Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special educational needs and disability’</i>.</p> | <p>TBC</p> | <p>TBC</p> | | <p>Business Plan: Protect – Invest – Save (Page 52)</p> <p>Financial Plan: Protecting & safeguarding vulnerable children (Page 13)</p> |