

Forward Work Programme – Children’s Services Select Committee

Item and Meeting Date	Purpose of Report	Consultation	Supporting Documents	Responsible Cabinet Member	Officer Contact	Wiltshire Council Business Plan 2011-15 reference
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)
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	
Report of the Placements for LAC Task Group on the Children in Care Commissioning Strategy	The Placements for LAC Task Group intends to receive the draft Strategy in mid-November, with conclusions and recommendations referred to the Committee for endorsement and if appropriate, referral to Cabinet. The Children in Care Commissioning Strategy is scheduled to go before Cabinet on 15 th December.	-	-	Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk	Henry Powell henry.powell@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 01225 718052	Business Plan: Protect – Invest – Save (Page 52) Financial Plan: Protecting & safeguarding vulnerable children (Page 13)

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Final Report of the Further Education in the Salisbury Area Task Group	To present the conclusions and recommendations of the Task Group.	-	-	Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk	Henry Powell Henry.powell@wiltshire.gov.uk 01225 718052	
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)
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Pupil Performance figures	Annual report on educational attainment.	-	-	Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk	Stephanie Denovan stephanie.denovan@wiltshire.gov.uk	

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Ofsted Children’s Services Rating 2011		-	-	Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE lionel.grundy@wiltshire.gov.uk	Carolyn Godfrey carolyn.godfrey@wiltshire.gov.uk	
29th March 2012						
31st May 2012						
26th July 2012						
27th September 2012						

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Task Groups	Terms of Reference	Next meeting	Chairman	Officer Contact	Business Plan 2011-15 reference
<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>11.00am, 14th October, Bourne Hill</p> <p>2.30pm, 9th November, Bourne Hill</p>	<p>Dr Michael Thompson</p>	<p>Henry Powell</p> <p>Senior Scrutiny Officer</p> <p>01225 718052</p> <p>Henry.powell@wiltshire.gov.uk</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>11.00am, 15th December, CR7, County Hall</p> <p>(closed to public)</p>	<p>Cllr Bill Moss</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>	<p>11.30am, 14th November, CR7, County Hall</p> <p>(closed to public)</p>	<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>2.30pm, 21st September, CR8, County Hall</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>