

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: The Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 14 March 2017
Time: 2.00 pm

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Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Chris Hurst
Cllr Pat Aves	Cllr Simon Jacobs
Cllr Mary Champion	Cllr Ricky Rogers
Cllr Mary Douglas	Cllr James Sheppard
Cllr Sue Evans	Cllr Philip Whalley

Substitutes:

Cllr Chuck Berry	Cllr Stewart Dobson
Cllr Trevor Carbin	Cllr Dennis Drewett
Cllr Terry Chivers	Cllr Peter Edge
Cllr Anna Cuthbert	Cllr Ian Thorn
Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr John Walsh

Non-Elected Voting Members:

Mr Ken Brough	Parent Governor Representative (Primary)
Rev Alice Kemp	Parent Governor Representative (SEN)
Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Miss Sarah Busby	Secondary Schools Headteacher Representative
Miss Tracy Cornelius	Primary Schools Headteacher Representative

Mr John Hawkins
Miss Cathy Shahrokni
James Wilkins

School Teacher Representative
Further Education Representative
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 9 - 18*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 January 2017. (Copy attached)

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**

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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 **Activities of the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY) (Pages 19 - 22)**

The Committee will receive an update on the activities of the WAY presented by James Wilkins, Children's & Young People's representative.

7 **Children's Services Integration Project (Pages 23 - 34)**

On 10th January 2017 Wiltshire Council's Children's Services Leadership Team (CSLT) agreed to initial proposals to establish a new service model to achieve the Children's Services vision of:

"One joined up approach to making a positive difference to outcomes for Wiltshire's children and young people, ensuring they are safe and have high aspirations."

The committee has been provided with a report which gives an oversight of these proposals. Members are asked to endorse the direction of travel.

8 **Obesity and Child Poverty Update (Pages 35 - 60)**

The Final Report of the Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group was endorsed by Health Select Committee on 8 March 2016 and by Children's Select Committee on 22 March 2016.

An Executive Response was presented to the Children's Select Committee on 31st May 2016 and Health Select Committee on 21st June 2016.

A 6month update is provided on the implementation of Wiltshire's Reducing Child Poverty Strategy following the outcomes of the task group. Particularly in relation to dissemination of Child Poverty Community Area Profiles and how Area Boards are taking local action as a result.

Members are asked to consider, note, and provide comments on the update.

9 **Executive Response to the Final Report of the School Improvement Strategy (Pages 61 - 64)**

On 31 January 2017, the Children's Select Committee endorsed the Final Report of the Task Group.

It was resolved to refer the following Task Group's recommendations to the relevant Cabinet member for response at the Committee's next meeting on 14 March 2017.

The executive response is included in this agenda for consideration.

10 **Executive Response to the Final Report of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group (Pages 65 - 68)**

On 31 January 2017, the Children's Select Committee endorsed the Final Report of the Task Group.

It was resolved to refer the following Task Group's recommendations to the relevant Cabinet member for response at the Committee's next meeting on 14 March 2017.

The executive response is included in this agenda for consideration.

11 **Task Group Update** (*Pages 69 - 72*)

A report by the Senior Scrutiny Officer providing an update on Task Group Activity since the last meeting is attached.

- SEND Task Group

12 **DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education** - (*Pages 73 - 78*)

A report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, is attached presenting an update on developments relating to children's services arising from the Department for Education.

13 **Review of the Work of the Children's Select Committee** (*Pages 79 - 88*)

To highlight key aspects of the work undertaken by the Select Committee during the 2013-17 Council 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.

14 **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 89 - 90*)

The Committee is asked to note the attached document showing the relevant items from the overview and scrutiny forward work programme plus relevant items on the current Cabinet work programme.

15 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 13 June 2017 at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 2.30pm.

16 **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

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CHILDREN'S SELECT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN'S SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2017 AT THE KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chairman), Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice Chairman), Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Atiqui Hoque, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Philip Whalley, Rev Alice Kemp, Dr M Thompson, Miss Tracy Cornelius, Mr J Hawkins, Cllr Anna Cuthbert (Substitute) and Cllr Andrew Davis (Substitute)

Also Present:

Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Richard Gamble and Cllr Laura Mayes.

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mary Douglas (who was substituted by Cllr Andrew Davis), Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Simon Jacobs (who was substituted by Cllr Anna Cuthbert), Cllr Helen Osborn, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Miss Sarah Busby, Miss Cathy Shahrokni (who was substituted by Ms Jen Jones) and James Wilkins.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved:

To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 December 2016, subject to the following amendment:-

Minute No. 95 – Final Report of the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group

To add the following words at the end of the third paragraph:

“The prevent strand was all about preventing our young people from being targeted, groomed and falling victims. What it didn’t cover was how we prevent those who fall victims becoming perpetrators themselves when they move on into adulthood. To stop behaviour that is unacceptable the mould has to be broken and behaviour which

intimidates, bullies, abuses and damages lives is unacceptable and we are as a society challenging those who perpetrate such behaviour.”

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

4 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

a) Overview & Scrutiny Legacy Workshop 2013-2017

A scrutiny legacy workshop was held on 17th January 2017 for scrutiny and executive members. The activity provided an opportunity for Members to reflect on Overview and Scrutiny's approaches, successes and challenges during the current Council. Attendees were asked to consider what messages and recommendations should be passed on to O&S in the next Council, so that it could continue to build on its contribution to delivering the Council's priorities.

b) Cabinet items

On 7 February 2017 Cabinet was due to consider the following item:

- School Admission 2018/19

5 Public Participation

Cllr Jacqui Lay asked the following question:-

“In Wiltshire the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme is operated in a number of our schools but in RWB & Cricklade Area Board, Bradon Forest School does not operate the scheme, hence there is an independent group who are running the scheme for young people from the Purton area and young people who attend Bradon Forest School. I have been notified that the support Wiltshire Council is giving in relation to Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Insurance is being withdrawn as from August 2017. When enquiries were made it seems this decision may not only affect this independent group but also the schools operating the scheme. It would be good to have a briefing on this for all councillors so that we are aware of any impact it would have on our young people and those offering the scheme.

To add to this I understand that a number of the sporting associations, for example All England Badminton, offer Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Insurance to their affiliated coaches hence I would have thought that the national Duke of Edinburgh Scheme could be offering this support. If not then is this something the Area Boards could buy through Youth Action Wiltshire? I think we would all agree the DofE Schemes are very worthwhile for our young people who participate and if we can support this locally then there needs to be a process to allow us to do so.”

The Chairman stated that a written response would be prepared for Cllr Lay which would also be copied to other members of this Committee for information.

6 Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations 2016

The Committee received a report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, which provided an overview of pupil performance at the end of each key stage and compared attainment in Wiltshire with national, south west and statistical neighbour performance.

It was pointed out that information regarding the performance of vulnerable learners at Key Stage 4 had not yet been published and that provisional figures had been included that were subject to validation and therefore might be subject to change.

Members noted that Wiltshire continued to have a high and increasing percentage of places in good and outstanding schools and there had been consistent improvement in this measure over the last few years. Educational outcomes at key Stages 4 and 5 remained high, but performance in primary schools was not as good, particularly in phonics and maths. The attainment of disadvantaged learners (pupils eligible for the pupil premium) at each Key Stage continued to be a high priority for improvement as did improving the educational outcomes of other vulnerable pupils at all key stages. The School Effectiveness Team continued to work with all schools, including academies, to support and promote improvements.

During discussion, Members expressed concern at the continuing performance gap between Wiltshire and the National average especially regarding children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Regarding phonics and maths, Members enquired if Wiltshire schools were differing in their approach to schools elsewhere in the England. It was reported that schools had been visited in Wandsworth and Somerset but no appreciable differences in style or method had been found. It was felt that children should be taught these subjects by qualified teachers rather than by teaching assistants as was happening sometimes at present. However, Members were informed that there had been a 60% reduction in the School Improvement Budget during the last four years. An Education Transformation Board had been set up in order to help develop a new model.

Resolved:

- (1) To note the contents of the report.**
- (2) To congratulate all learners in Wiltshire on the progress being made, recognising the efforts put in by children and to thank teachers and the officers for their continuing dedicated hard work.**

7 Nursery Places

Consideration was given to a report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director which highlighted the demand for childcare in Wiltshire and also provided information on the sufficiency of places in different parts of the County.

It was noted that currently there was sufficient provision, though it was acknowledged that parents might not be able to obtain their first choice of nursery.

However, in September 2017 there would be the introduction of 30 hours free entitlement for working parents with children aged three and four. Each parent would be earning, on average, a weekly minimum amount equivalent to 16 hours at the national minimum wage and less than £100,000 per year. It was noted that currently all three and four year olds received 15 hours free entitlement. Many of those parents who would be eligible to take up the 30 hours free entitlement would be parents who would have always traditionally returned to work at this stage. The increased demand for childcare places would come from those parents who had been incentivised to take up employment due to the opportunity to access the 30 hours free entitlement so making childcare affordable. A consultation had recently been carried out with parents and early signs indicated that a high number of parents would be interested in using 30 hours of free entitlement.

The Committee noted that there was also extensive housing development across Wiltshire which would impact on demand for nursery provision particularly around the larger market towns and Salisbury. There would also be a growth in population as a result of army rebasing.

Within the majority of the community areas across Wiltshire there appeared to be sufficient childcare provision. However, the areas of highest concern were Trowbridge, Melksham and the Ridgeway Farm Estate at Purton. Plans were being made to increase provision in these areas. Demand in all Community Areas would continue to be monitored so that the Council would be able to meet its childcare sufficiency duty.

After some discussion,

Resolved:

To note the contents of the report and request an update in 12 months' time to find out the impact of the increased childcare entitlement from September 2017.

8 Early Help Dataset

The Committee received a report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director which presented the Dataset as part of the reviewing cycle. It was noted that the Early Help Dataset had been created in September 2014 and had undergone a formal review by the Early Help Task Group, its findings having been endorsed by this Committee in May 2016.

Since the last presentation of the Dataset, work had continued to establish indicators for those items for which data did not exist or was difficult to access. New indicators had also been added, including baselines and targets where this data was available.

It was pointed out that discussions were taking place with other local authorities as part of the ongoing development work to ensure that the Dataset remained fit for purpose. It was noted, in particular, that under the outcome RAG rating, further work was needed to assess those indicators about children and young people with CAFs (Common Assessment Framework).

Resolved:

To endorse the latest version of the Early Help Dataset and to thank the officers for the detailed work involved.

9 Final Report of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group

Consideration was given to a report which presented the conclusions and recommendations of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group.

The Chairman, as Chairman of the Task Group, introduced the report and explained that the Task Group had originally been established following a multi-agency Ofsted inspection of Wiltshire, undertaken in March 2012. A report was presented to this Committee on 28 March 2013. Recommendation 32 of the report re-established the Safeguarding Children and young People Task Group with new terms of reference for at least 18 months.

In January 2016 the Committee endorsed an interim report from the Task Group and endorsed the following four areas of future work for the Task Group, following which it would be disbanded:-

- (1) To review the internal case file audit process and the format and contents of the internal case file audit reports.
- (2) To meet with the Wiltshire Safeguarding Children's Board (WSCB) Chair to agree how recommendations 3, 28, 29 and 30 of the Task Group's interim report would be implemented and how this should be monitored.
- (3) "Getting to Good" – to review the work planned to achieve at least "Good" from OFSTED. To identify comparable Local Authorities, who achieved good at the OFSTED inspection and investigate the differences in processes with the potential to gather examples of good practice.
- (4) To consider how to make the practice of Independent Reviewing Officers more pro-active and ensure there is engagement between reviews.

It was pointed out that some of the recommendations had already been implemented and others were being considered and included in a scoping exercise.

The Local Government Association (LGA) topic was noted as a possible future pre-meeting briefing topic for the committee.

Resolved:

To endorse the report of the Task Group and refer it to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services for response at the Committee's next meeting.

10 Final Report of the School Improvement Strategy Task Group

Consideration was given to a report which presented the conclusions and recommendations of the School Improvement Strategy Task Group.

Cllr Philip Whalley, as Chairman of the Task Group, introduced the report and explained that at its meeting on 14 October 2014, this Committee agreed to include the School Improvement Strategy as a work priority.

A task group was established by this Committee on 14 April 2015 to consider the effectiveness of the School Improvement Strategy in its first year, including a comparison with other local authority areas. The following terms of reference were subsequently approved by this Committee:-

- (1) To review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Wiltshire School Improvement Strategy.
- (2) To compare Wiltshire's School Improvement Strategy with those of other local authorities.
- (3) To make recommendations aimed at meeting our collective goal of ensuring all pupils attend an excellent school and achieve their full potential.

Cllr Whalley stated that the Task Group had concluded that currently Wiltshire had a robust and effective school improvement strategy which was "fit for purpose". This was verified by the general performance of Wiltshire's schools as set out in the latest OFSTED data which showed that 98% of Wiltshire's secondary pupils were now taught in a good or outstanding school. Furthermore, because of the direct impact of the school improvement programme, 72.5% of schools that received intensive support from the School Improvement Team (because they were assessed as in need of improvement) improved their grade to G or O at their next OFSTED inspection.

However, it was pointed out that all the evidence received had led to the conclusion that a failure to offer schools and academies an effective School Improvement service was likely to have a detrimental impact on the quality of education in Wiltshire, and this would also negatively affect the LA's education, economic and social objectives. As such, the ultimate aim should be to retain an effective school improvement service and to develop the present level of knowledge, experience and expertise currently available.

The Committee noted that further conclusions had been difficult to draw because of the changes and reversals in Government policy during the review period and the uncertainty over the transitional financial arrangements.

Members were informed that trading services were being developed which would be available to all schools and academies.

Resolved:

To endorse the report of the Task Group and refer it to the Cabinet Member for Children's services for response at the Committee's next meeting.

11 Executive Response to the Final Report of the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group

Consideration was given to a report setting out the response of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to the final report of the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group which had been presented to this Committee at its meeting on 6 December 2016 and had been endorsed.

During discussion, it was considered that every effort should be made to ensure that the recommendations put forward by the Task Group were progressed. It had been suggested that the Community Engagement Managers be encouraged to draw to the attention of their area boards the need for everyone to be vigilant to the very serious problem of safeguarding and child sexual exploitation. To progress this proposal Members reiterated their previous suggestion that a workshop be arranged with Community Engagement Managers to consider how best to raise awareness of these issues in their communities.

Members also drew attention to the need to ensure that all councillors and staff were adequately trained and it was noted that this subject had been included as part of the induction of all councillors after the local elections in May.

It was noted that future updates from the Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel would now include a section on child sexual exploitation.

Resolved:

To endorse the executive response to the Final Report of the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group and to thank the members of the Task Group for the valuable work they had undertaken.

12 DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education

The Committee received an update from Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, on developments relating to children's services arising from the Department for education from November 2016 to January 2017 as follows:-

- Early Years Funding consultation – government response
- Early Years National Funding Formula: allocations and guidance
- Schools National Funding Formula: Government consultation response – stage 1
- Schools National Funding Formula – stage 2 consultation
- Proposal for National Funding Formula for High Needs
- High needs strategic planning fund
- New funding for school improvement
- Academies update
- Annual Report 2015/16
- National Assessment and Accreditation System for child and family social workers
- Junior individual saving accounts for looked-after children
- Government response to Sir Martin Narey’s independent review of residential care
- Youth Justice Review
- Update on the social care common inspection framework
- Update on the new inspections of local authority children’s services

During discussion, it was noted that the Government’s ambition was that all schools would become academies forming a fully school-led system, where head teachers and school leaders collaborated to drive improvement in their schools. Furthermore, the Government had announced that from April 2019 school would be directly funded from the Department for Education. Cllr Laura Mayes reported that she had held a meeting with Nick Gibb, MP, Schools Minister regarding this but further discussions would be needed on the impact this announcement would have on Wiltshire schools.

Resolved:

To note the update provided.

13 **Forward Work Programme**

The Committee received a document showing the relevant items from the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programme.

Resolved:

To note the Forward Work Programme for this Committee.

14 **Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved:

To note that the next scheduled meeting of this Committee was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 28 March 2017 at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 10.30am.

15 **Urgent Items**

There were no items of urgent business.

(Duration of meeting: 2.00 - 4.20 pm)

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Agenda Item 6

Report on the activities of the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth for Children's Select Committee

14 March 2017

1. **Introduction**

This report offers a summary of activities of the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY) during the period December 2016 – February 2017.

2. **Meetings**

WAY members have met on two occasions since the last report, one of which was at the Wiltshire Youth Summit on 08 February. The January meeting was held at County Hall, to which a new member was welcomed. In addition, Members of the UK Youth Parliament attended a Regional Convention in Bristol in December at which they considered the campaign priority for the coming year – Votes at 16



3. **Progress on the Agenda for Action**

WAY seeks to organise its activities in relation to its Agenda for Action which has five priorities:

Priority 1: Improve emotional wellbeing and mental health support for young people

WAY members have continued to develop the www.onyourmind.org.uk website and offered input and advice on content. A group of young people met together to begin drafting scripts for short films that will be embedded on the website to promote positive health and wellbeing messages, as well as offer reassurance to young people and parents/carers.

Two WAY members are part of a Children and Young People's Reference Group, which has been formed to support the commissioning of a new child and adolescent mental health service across Wiltshire, Swindon and BaNES. Through this group, young people from across the three areas have been involved in preparing for the evaluation of bids for the new service; attending a presentation by the bidder and contributing to the decision-making process which awarded preferred bidder status. Future work is planned which will see the young people co-designing consultation activities and, also, informing the way in which participation is embedded into the new service specification.

Priority 2: Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

No specific work has been carried out in this period, although the link with the Healthy Schools has been maintained and young people will be reviewing the next round of applications for Healthy School status.

Priority 3: Bullying

Since the joint meeting of WAY, CICC and Oxford Health NHS Trust's User Participation Group in November 2016 to launch [Wiltshire's Anti-Bullying Charter](#), the Charter has now been circulated electronically and by post to all secondary schools, colleges and GP practices. A meeting is being planned with young people to consider future activities linked to anti-bullying and to prepare for Anti-Bullying Week 2017.

Priority 4: Public Transport

No specific work has been carried out in this period, but this issue was raised at Wiltshire's Youth

Summit; WAY members have requested that this issue is picked up again in 2017.

Priority 5: Environment

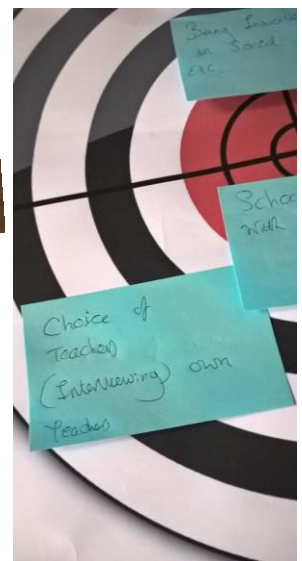
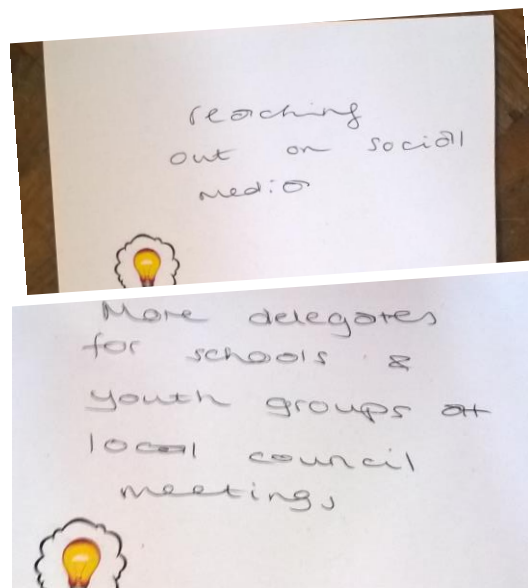
No specific work has been carried out in this period. More emphasis will be given to it in 2017.

4. Other activities

- Kirstie Stage and Cecilia George (members of WAY and UKYP) chaired the Wiltshire Youth Summit, alongside a Healthwatch Young Listener. Kirstie chaired a panel discussion at the end of the day at which panel members were Phil Bevan (Headteacher, Devizes School), Chris Graves (Chair, Healthwatch), Cllr Laura Mayes (Cabinet Member, Children's Services), Ted Wilson (Community and Joint Commissioning Director, Wiltshire CCG) and Kier Pritchard (Asst Chief Constable, Wiltshire Police).



- WAY members Freya Pigott and Rebecca Richards ran a workshop on youth voice at the Wiltshire Youth Summit. The workshop gave young people opportunities to discuss and evaluate the value and meaningfulness of participation activities they had been involved in. These included opportunities to interview staff, taking part in community meetings, achieving outcomes such as free gym memberships for young people, and campaigning for more after school clubs.



- The Youth Summit elicited commitments from senior leaders, which will be followed up on at a future event and during 2017.

Laura Mayes

"My pledge is to come and visit young people where they are, rather than them always having to come to us".

Phil Bevan

"My commitment ... is to systematically involve the students in my school far more in terms of student voice and to find and encourage ways of getting Devizes students more readily involved with community initiatives".

Kier Pritchard

"It is ... important for us to create more engaging content for young people [on social media]. [We will] ... educate and engage with young people across the county on [cybercrime]. [We will] make efforts to explore the exciting possibility of introducing a youth panel".

Ted Wilson

“We ... see this as the beginning of encouraging regular discussions with [young people] to help shape our local health services”.

Chris Graves

“Our Young Listeners will be visiting schools over the coming year to gather the experiences of students and we commit to ensuring that these views are heard by the commissioners. We also commit to developing YouthWatch Wiltshire”.

- WAY member Rebecca Richards chairs the Youth Safeguarding Board. She has attended meetings and progressed actions in that forum which has focused its efforts on online safety, and the development of the children and young people’s pages of the WSCB website.
- Members UK Youth Parliament (and other WAY members) contacted MPs on 20 January, the UK Youth Parliament ‘Day of Action’, raising awareness of the UKYP campaign to lower the voting age to 16.
- Member UK Youth Parliament Kirstie Stage joined Ofsted’s Further Education and Skills (FES) Reference Group for the South West. The remit of the group is to consider how well FES providers in the region are doing, how well Ofsted is meeting its objectives, and is an opportunity for sharing of good practice.
- WAY is trialling locality meetings on 28 March 2017 (County Hall), 04 April 2017 (Monkton Park), 06 April 2017 (Bourne Hill). The meetings will be chaired by Members of the UK Youth Parliament. These meetings are open to any young people wishing to attend and will provide an opportunity for young people to discuss the best means of getting young people’s voices heard to influence decision-making. These meetings will also encourage participation from more vulnerable and disadvantaged groups of young people.

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Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

Date: 14th March 2017

Children's Services Integration Project

Purpose of Report

1. On 10th January 2017 Wiltshire Council's Children's Services Leadership Team (CSLT) agreed to initial proposals to establish a new service model to achieve the Children's Services vision of:

"One joined up approach to making a positive difference to outcomes for Wiltshire's children and young people, ensuring they are safe and have high aspirations."

This report is intended to provide Children's Select with oversight of the proposals and are asked to endorse the direction of travel.

Background

2. This proposal will impact on all Operational Children's Services teams including Early Help, MASH and Safeguarding and Assessment Services in Phase 1; and Children in Care, Youth Offending Team, CSE and SEND in Phase 2. The existing statutory functions will continue to be delivered as well as some non-statutory work. The key change will be the way in which services are delivered to children and families. The project is phased to allow a focus on, in the first instance, what can realistically be achieved in the short term (i.e. Phase 1).

The service aims, outcomes and design principles have been prepared by the team and are detailed in [Appendix 1](#).

Main Considerations for the Council

3. **Phase 1 Proposal – Creation of a new service**

The key headlines of the new service are:

- A. Blended teams (from existing Early Help and Safeguarding and Assessment services) will be created across the following tiers; high-end level 2b (CAF), level 3a, 3b and 4 all delivering evidence-based direct work with all staff accessing supervision.
- B. Pod and hub based dispersal of staff across the 4 existing geographical hubs – with local allocation of resource and workflow (at smaller levels where achievable- building on the Social Care Community Patch Based Model). The model will build on existing partnership arrangements and provide greater

opportunity for joined up or integrated working ([see Appendix 2](#) for conceptual diagrams).

- C. A relationship-based model of practice will be followed by the service. Training will reflect this model of practice and include skill-stretching for staff to be able to do more without referring on for specialist support. Keyworkers and Social Workers will carry out evidence-based work alongside children and their families. They will be equipped to provide direct support to the child and family themselves or draw down expertise from experts (e.g. DA leads) and/or pull in specialist provision if required - focusing on the most significant issues impacting on the child's ability to achieve good outcomes.
- D. The recommendation is there will be a single front door for referrals into the new service and access to operational children's services.
- E. All necessary statutory functions will continue to be delivered ([see Appendix 3](#)).

4. **Phase 2 and Future Opportunities**

Phase 2 and future opportunities will include the remaining Children's Services not remodelled as part of Phase 1. This includes Children in Care, Youth Offending Team, CSE and SEND. In addition to these, the scope includes those services which sit outside of the Council's Children's Services as we believe improved joined up working or integration could lead to further service improvements.

Future shaping of services for children and families needs to take into account how families are presenting to us and the nature of their needs. The frequency with which these often complex issues are present in children's lives suggests our focus should be on providing integrated and holistic family-based response for some areas. A deep analysis of how families are presenting has been completed and a summary of specific areas of need that need to be considered by the new service specifically include:

- A. Domestic abuse and substance misuse
- B. Child/Parent Mental Health
- C. Employment, Finances and Housing
- D. School attendance and being NEET (or at risk of NEET)
- E. SEN
- F. Working with Adolescents

Safeguarding Considerations

- 5. This proposal includes the core safeguarding and child protection statutory functions within the Council. The re-design is focussed on providing a more intensive response to families at an earlier point when needs arise in order to prevent them escalating into statutory social work services.

6. It includes improved joint working with partners and we hope to achieve integration in certain areas leading to improve practice and thus outcomes.
7. The proposals include working with adult services and housing differently, this would contribute positively in the safeguarding of vulnerable adults also.
8. The implementation of the new model will require significant training and development for the staff involved.

Public Health Implications

9. The proposals require input from Public Health and will lead to improved health of the local child and adult population.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

10. Consideration has been given to fuel consumption and mileage claims as part of the Community Patch Based Model which involves social workers linking with schools and working from the school base periodically. This has been implemented alongside mobile working and the use of smart phones and laptops to ensure that social workers do not need to return to the office between meetings purely to access emails/messages or complete recordings. This model will be developed further.
11. The project group is also keen to explore other IT and technology options further. We acknowledge practice with families must be face-to-face interactions. However, not every one of the 14,000 CAF/CIN/CP meetings require all engaged professionals to travel and attend. Investing in training and supporting our staff and partners to follow our ways of working that include working on the move, video- and tele-conferencing could increase partner engagement in low threshold work, reduce time spent travelling across the county and increase the time available to spend with children and families.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

12. Operational children's services works with our most vulnerable children and families, including those impacted by poverty and facing inequality. The model supports and contributes to the Council's commitment to:
 - a) tackle inequalities and promote cohesive communities
 - b) not discriminate in the way we provides services to the public
 - c) not to discriminate in our employment related practices
 - d) promote equality and good relations between different groups.

Risk Assessment

9. **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken**

1.	Failure to reduce the number of children and families requiring statutory interventions and becoming Children in Need, subject to a Child Protection Plan or Looked After.
2.	Failure to exploit internal and external opportunities to redesign services to provide better outcomes for children and families.
3.	Inability to provide a sustainable service model results in increased budget pressures moving forward.

10. Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

	Risk	Action to mitigate the risk
1.	Failure to meet statutory duties during a phased service restructure.	To mitigate against this, a full implementation plan will be developed for each phase to include an assessment of the implications of staff changes and training requirements.
2.	Lack of cultural change inhibits success of the new service model.	To mitigate against this, staff and partners will be fully engaged in the design and transition process.
3.	Failure to effectively manage dependencies and interfaces with other projects e.g. CMS Replacement Programme, results in delays and increased costs.	To mitigate against this the interfaces with other projects will be mapped and actions put in place to manage these such as the development of groups to share key information across programmes of work

Financial Implications

11. The new service is designed to be effective and efficient in ensuring that vulnerable children and their families receive the right support at the right time. Consideration of new front door arrangements and a new cohesive service structure will ensure that inappropriate demand of expensive, intensive statutory specialist safeguarding services is reduced. There is a full year and recurrent saving planned of £0.2m per annum from phase 1.
12. There will be some implementation costs around researching / resourcing the project and we are exploring external funding opportunities via the Department of Education Innovation Fund. Costs will be minimised wherever possible and found from within existing budgets. Training for these service changes will be significant and will be delivered in-house where possible and will be prioritised within the current OD resources available however there will be a cost to delivering this effectively.
13. It has been acknowledged that other children's services projects could impact (e.g. replacement of the data management systems) on later phases of the project

however wherever possible synergies will be taken advantage of for example change management training.

Options Considered

14. The options considered are detailed below:

Option A	Deliver full Phase 1 by April 2017.	Not recommended due to time constraints.
Option B	Deliver full Phase 1 by 2 October 2017	Put forward for CSLT consideration and accepted.
Option C	Trial Phase 1 in one hub by May 2017	Put forward for CSLT consideration.
Option D	Put OCS EH staff in S&A Teams (Reduced Scope)	Not recommended as not significant enough impact.
Option E	Do nothing.	Not recommended as no impact on future vision.

All options and a summary of the high-level risks and benefits were considered.

Option B was the recommended and agreed option based on the following:

- The culture and behaviour of staff will be more easily influenced and changed in a large-scale implementation.
- Communications/branding can support full scale change with both public users and partners.
- Buy-in from partners may become more challenging in a staged approach.
- Consistency of practice will be easier to achieve.

Conclusions

15. The conclusions reached having taken all of the above into account.

Proposal

16. The committee are asked to note the Phase 1 changes and the timescales and also endorse the direction of travel being scoped by the Children's services Integration Project Phase 2. This includes the desire to work with partners in a more joined up or integrated way to deliver improved outcomes for children and families.

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Background Papers

None

Appendices

1. Service Aims, Desired Outcomes and Design Principles
 2. Referral Pathway to Service
 3. Statutory Functions
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Appendices

6.1 Service Aims, Desired Outcomes and Design Principles

6.1.1 Service aims:

- Prevent family breakdown
- Prevent escalation to level 3 services

The new service model will enable the authority to:

- Keep families together (prevent children coming into care)
- Ensure families are not put through unnecessary statutory processes
- Proactively identify, target and respond to child and family needs to prevent escalation to more intensive and intrusive services
- Deliver a truly integrated and holistic evidence-based service to children and young people within the context of their wider family and community environment
- Support the right children, young people and their families at the right time with the right provision to enable them to achieve good outcomes
- Discharge all statutory duties
- Ensure unborn babies, children and young people are kept safe from harm
- Deliver improved practice and outcomes leading to a reduction in domestic abuse, and improved support for young parents and engagement with fathers.
- Be assured of all upskilling and training requirements to enable staff to have the right skills mix and confidence to deliver the new service (SEN, education, parenting, behaviour)
- Ensure staff intervene rather than refer on to other services.
- Add value to the child's journey to adulthood; improve the child's journey (transitions and transfer points) and their experience of support
- Reduce the number of children becoming Child in Need, becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan and/or becoming Looked After
- Grow and sustain a stable and secure Children's Services workforce

6.1.2 Desired outcomes:

What do our families want? (taken from Australian research – reference TASCI Family by Family programme)

- We feel as though we contribute to our community
- We trust other people outside of our family
- We connect to new places, people or services
- We feel less isolated in the community
- We ask for help when we need it
- We seek out new ideas and support for our family
- We see the impact of our decisions on others
- We get on better as a family
- We learn new things about our family

- Our family has new ideas for things to do together
- We say something nice when one of us does something good
- We feel more optimistic about the future
- We think about the future
- Our family set new family goals
- We take time to work on own goals and family goals
- We see what we're good at.
- We feel more confident in our abilities in general
- Each of us feels like an OK person
- We believe that our choices make a difference to things in our family

What do we want Operational Children's Services to feel like for our children, young people and families?

- There is one front door for me to use
- I understand who does what, what forms to fill in or what's going to happen next
- I have a consistent key person to help me to help myself.
- They know what works...
- ...and how to work with me and my family
- They are my fiercest champion; and they challenge me too
- They listen and take action.

6.1.3 Translating that into outcomes:

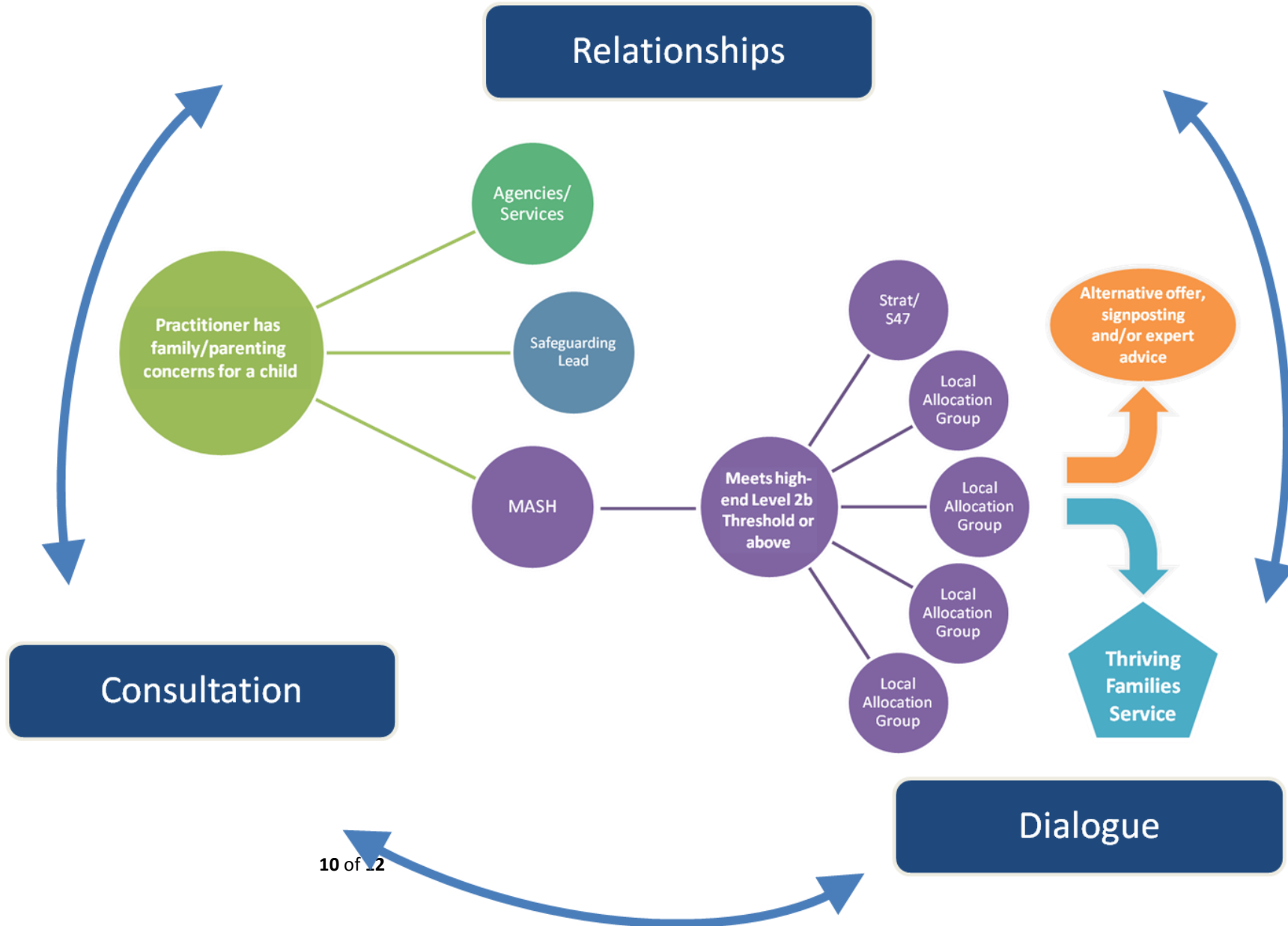
- Children and families will know where to go for help and receive a more consistent response whichever door they use.
- Children and families will feel listened to and helped by local professionals they are familiar with.
- Children and young people are safe from harm (or the risk of it), are less vulnerable and develop strong emotional resilience and wellbeing.
- Children and young people's circumstances improve as a consequence of the help provided and their need for targeted and specialist services is lessened (or avoided in some cases).
- Children and families experience a seamless service (especially during transition across thresholds, services and during significant life events). The workers have the key skill set to work with the families to address the issues (unless specialist services are required)
- Children, young people and families say that our Children's Services have made a positive difference in their lives.
- Children and families feel motivated to change, are willing to engage and want to improve their circumstances for the future.

6.1.4 Service design principles

The design principles lay out the core requirements any service design must adhere to. For Children's Services Integration these are:

- Prevent family breakdown and empowers resilient families where children reach their potential (every child matters outcomes)
- Delivers a cost effective service.
- A child-focused family-based approach.
- Blended EH/Children's Social Care deliver services at high-end 2b level and above – i.e. our most vulnerable families with high risk factors and/or low protective factors;
- Facilitate or commission low level 2b, 2a and universal provision rather than deliver directly.
- An over-arching EH/CSC philosophy/model of practice (evidence-based) – relationship based direct work within the family.
- Four geographies (N,E,S and W); clusters/pods within that are linked to community composition/need and relates to other agencies (including schools) to obtain 'best fit'; hooked into local support networks/communities; increasing social inclusion; co-location where sensible.
- Best possible hours of operation coupled with a clearly articulated 'out-of-office-hours' early support community offer (not just crisis management offer at level 3) considering out of hours payment implications.
- Robust, clear and formalised referral and care pathways for vulnerable groups (e.g. unborns and under 1's, domestic abuse, mental health, parenting support, etc); clear boundaries of provision and thresholds.
- Managed demand into the local authority; partners/professionals clear and mindful of who delivers what.
- Deliver services in the best way; statutory requirements are defined; reduce demand on statutory/intensive services.
- Reduce the number of professionals working with a family (when appropriate); better coordination of support.
- Reduce dependency on 'specialisms' where appropriate and possible; skilling up/broadening the skills base; continuity of worker; defined career paths and opportunities for developing skills/knowledge/leadership; a well trained, skilled and motivated workforce.
- Future-proof as best we can.
- Take a 'tell us once' approach to assessment and reviews as far as is possible throughout the child's journey to enable a strengths based model.
- One front door or, if unobtainable, at least no wrong door; clear access routes; a consistent first response; accessible.
- Proactive identification of children and families in need of support.

1.2 Referral Pathway to the Service



6.3 Statutory Functions

Existing Statutory Functions Delivered by services	Statutory Functions that will continue to be delivered	Suggested Location of Services
Children in Need	Children in Need	NEW CSI Service
Child Protection	Child Protection	Phase 2
Care Proceedings	Care Proceedings	Phase 2
Looked After Children	Looked After Children	CiC/Phase 2
DCT- CiN, CP, LAC and Care Proceedings	As above	Phase 2
Local Authority Occupational Therapy	Assessment for provision aids and adaptation (1989 Children Act)	Phase 2
NEET Tracking Destination	NEET Tracking Destination	Performance Team
NEET PA Service	Linked to above	NEW CSI Service
YOT Statutory Work	YOT Statutory Work	Phase 2
Children Missing Education	Children Missing Education	NEW CSI Service
Elective Home Educated	Elective Home Educated	NEW CSI Service
Primary Tuition Service	Primary Tuition Service	Traded Services – To be agreed
Health Needs Pupils	Health Needs Pupils	Traded Services – To be agreed
Penalty Notices	Penalty Notices	Traded Services – To be agreed
Work Permits/Chaperones	Work Permits/Chaperones	Traded Services – To be agreed
EWS court work	EWS court work	NEW CSI Service and Traded Services – To be agreed
Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25	Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25	Phase 2

years – SEND Lead Workers	years	
Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years – Educational Psychologists - One Third of current Workload	Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years	Phase 2
Ofsted requirements in relation to Canons House	Ofsted requirements in relation to Canons House	Phase 2
18-25 young adults with disabilities	Care Act, Mental Capacity Act, Best Interest and Court of Protection	Phase 2
Specialist SEN – Hearing and Vision	School Control	Traded Services – To be agreed

Non Statutory Functions Delivered by services	Non Statutory Functions that will continue to be delivered	Non Statutory Functions That Will need to Cease in Future Model
EMAS	School Control	Traded Services – To be agreed
Traveller Education	School Control	Traded Services – To be agreed
Primary Behaviour Support	School Control	Traded Services – To be agreed
Educational Psychology – Two Thirds of Work	Phase 2	Phase 2
Specialist SEN	School Control	Traded Services – To be agreed
Employment Skills Team	Phase 2	Phase 2

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

March 14th 2016

Obesity and Child Poverty Update

Purpose of Report

1. To provide a 6 month update on progress on implementation of Wiltshire's Obesity Strategy following the outcomes of the Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group.

Background

2. The Final Report of the Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group was endorsed by Health Select Committee on 8 March 2016 and by Children's Select Committee on 22 March 2016.
3. An Executive Response was presented to the Children's Select Committee on 31st May 2016 and Health Select Committee on 21st June 2016.
4. The Children's Select Committee agreed to undertake annual monitoring of progress against strategic targets within Wiltshire's Obesity Strategy to ensure that sufficient efforts and resources are directed towards its implementation and, in particular, towards protecting children in poverty from obesity and its associated impacts.

Update on progress in relation to the Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group's recommendations and executive response

5. **Recommendation One**
To support the development and implementation of the first Wiltshire Obesity Strategy by the council and CCG as a crucial first step in addressing the prevalence of obesity in Wiltshire.
6. **Executive Response**
We will support the implementation of the Children and Young People elements of the Wiltshire Obesity Strategy through the Child Health Improvement Group and the Children's Trust Executive. The strategy is a life course strategy and as a result some elements of the strategy will be led on elsewhere including through the Health Improvement Plan, Maternity Services Liaison Committee, CCG Governing Body and Health and Wellbeing Board. There are clear overlaps between the roles of adults as parents in influencing the outcomes for children and young people.

7. **Update**
Wiltshire's life course Obesity Strategy was approved by Cabinet and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Governing Body in July 2016. It has subsequently been disseminated to a wide range of partners including GPs, early years settings, schools, public health nursing teams and Area Boards. An Obesity Strategy Implementation Group has been established, agreed terms of reference and governance structures. Leads for each of the four strategic priorities have been identified and the stream of work for Strategic Priority 2, focusing on giving children the best start in life is underway.
8. **Recommendation Two**
To acknowledge the scale of the obesity epidemic facing the country, the projected financial and human costs within Wiltshire if action is not taken, and the commitment required by the council, CCG and partners to tackle obesity as a joint strategic priority.
9. **Executive Response**
We acknowledge the severity of the problem of obesity and the need to take action locally across all areas of the Council and CCG. In line with the targets set out in the strategy we will endeavour to halt and reverse the rise in prevalence of obesity. By 2020 we aim to see a 1% reduction in levels of excess weight in children (as measured by the NCMP) in each community area, and to reduce the variation in excess weight among children between the least and most deprived areas of Wiltshire by 2%.
10. **Update**
We continue to recognise and raise awareness of both the long and short term consequences of increasing prevalence of obesity in childhood. We are committed to achieving our strategic targets through actions outlined in the Obesity Strategy Implementation Plan, which are described in more detail as updates to the recommendations below.
11. **Recommendation Three**
Children's Select Committee or Health Select Committee to undertake annual monitoring of progress against strategic targets within the Wiltshire Obesity Strategy to ensure that sufficient efforts and resources are directed towards its implementation and, in particular, towards protecting children in poverty from obesity and its associated impacts.
12. **Executive Response**
We will provide updates for the Children's Select Committee and/or Health Select Committee as requested.
13. **Update**
The most recent data from the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) presented in the table below shows that across Wiltshire, excess weight (overweight and obese combined) among reception year children (4-5yrs) has

increased slightly by 0.1% and decreased slightly by 0.1% for children in year six (10-11yrs).

	Reception Year Children excess weight (NCMP)	Year 6 Children excess weight (NCMP)
Strategy Baseline 2014-15 data	20.3%	29.3%
2015-16 data	20.4% (↑0.1%)	29.2% (↓0.1%)

14. Wiltshire remains below the 2015-16 South West average of excess weight among reception aged children (21.9%) and year 6 children (30.3%). Nationally, over the last year there has been an increase in the percentage of reception year children with excess weight from 21.9% to 22.1% and in year 6 children from 33.2% to 34.2%. Wiltshire's prevalence of excess weight is therefore positive in relation to rising national and regional prevalence.
15. There had been a significant decrease in excess weight for the previous year (2013-14) among reception aged children. While the data periods referred to are prior to the launch of our local strategy, data trends over the past 3 years are encouraging and may be an indication that we are beginning to see progress towards our strategic target of 'halting the rise' in excess weight among children in Wiltshire.
16. Wiltshire's Obesity Strategy includes a priority to reduce the variation in excess weight in children between the least and most deprived areas by 2% by 2020. As detailed in the table below there has been a slight increase in the gap for reception aged children with excess weight between the least and most deprived areas, and a slightly higher increase among year 6 children.

	Inequalities gap between the most and least deprived areas for excess weight	
	Reception	Year 6
2012/13-2014/15	5.2%	8.2%
2013/14-2015/16	5.3% (↑0.1%)	8.8% (↑0.6%)

17. There are challenges in drawing comparisons with national (England) data regarding the inequalities gap as the units of analysis are slightly different (deciles rather than quintiles) and the actual values are not reported. However, it appears that nationally the gap in excess weight among the least and most deprived children has also widened from 5.9% to 6.5% among reception age children and from 12% to 12.3% among year 6 children.
18. There is an established positive correlation between obesity and deprivation. It is worth noting as context that the most recent data available (2014) shows that there has been a rise in levels of child poverty both locally and nationally. In 2014, 11.8% of children in Wiltshire were living in poverty. The percentage of

children in poverty in Wiltshire had been steadily dropping since 2006 (previously 10.6% in 2013). This mirrors a similar picture nationally where England as a whole has seen a rise from 17% in 2012 to 20% in 2014.

19. The causes and consequences of child poverty are complex but it is highly likely that increasing prevalence is a contributing factor to the widening gap in excess weight among children from the least and most deprived groups. We recognise the challenge of reducing this variation and further work is required to plan and deliver targeted and universal support to our most deprived communities to reduce this gap. We are planning a 3rd Wiltshire Obesity Summit July 21st 2017 and will be seeking to identify opportunities for shaping and developing future work on this issue as a priority.
20. The target of achieving a 1% reduction in levels of excess weight in children in each community area by 2020 is ambitious. Closer engagement with local communities will be key to achieving this and it is positive that we have Community Engagement Managers represented on the Obesity Strategy Implementation Group.
21. There are challenges in comparing annual data by Community Area as the numbers of children in the cohort vary and are often very small meaning that percentage comparisons can be misleading. These concerns aside 2015-16 single year Community Area figures indicate for reception aged children, nine Community Areas have shown an improvement (decrease) in excess weight by $\geq 1\%$ and the same number have shown an increase by $\geq 1\%$. For children in year 6, eleven Community Areas have shown a decrease by $\geq 1\%$ and 7 have shown an increase by $\geq 1\%$.
22. We suggest that future reporting of excess weight data by Community Area is based on 3 yearly aggregated data so that the data are more robust.
23. **Recommendation Four**
The council, CCG and Area Boards to prioritise actions and resources focused on prevention, early intervention and the first two life stages ('Preconception to early years' and 'Children and Young people') and for this to be reflected in how resources are allocated towards implementation of the Obesity Strategy.
24. **Executive Response**
We expect the Obesity Strategy Implementation Plan to have defined actions for the Council and CCG and to outline how information and guidance will be provided to Area Boards in order for them to prioritise tackling obesity in the first two life stages locally.
25. **Update**
Early intervention in the life course is a key part of addressing the obesity epidemic. Wiltshire's Obesity Strategy Implementation Plan has defined actions to support the first two life stages and includes provision of specialist weight management programmes to support groups at higher risk of obesity. The *Maternal Healthy Me; Specialist Healthy Lifestyle in Pregnancy* service has been

developed and commissioned by Public Health to support women to achieve and maintain a healthy weight in pregnancy and early parenthood. The service is delivered by maternity services to enable pregnant women who are obese to make healthy lifestyle changes to reduce obesity related health risks during pregnancy, and to reduce the risks of their child becoming obese in the future. We have also developed the *Healthy Me* programme, delivered by our Leisure Service for children 7-11yrs who are identified as being overweight/obese and their families.

26. In addition to targeted services we also work closely with colleagues in Children's Services to support healthy education and child care settings including Children's Centres and schools. We plan to work with early years settings to enhance the provision of healthy eating and physical activity opportunities and are currently undertaking scoping work to identify any gaps in provision for this stage of the life course.
27. In response to feedback from the 2016 Wiltshire Obesity Summit we are developing an Obesity e-toolkit which will hold useful resources and ensure consistent evidence-based messages encouraging healthy eating and physical activity tailored to each phase of the life course, including the first two life stages. The e-toolkit will be available for health professionals and the wider community such as Area Board Community Engagement Managers and community leaders to support the dissemination of key messages and resources within their community areas.
28. **Recommendation Five**
The council, CCG and Area Boards to prioritise actions and resources targeted at groups vulnerable to obesity, particularly children living in poverty and for this to be reflected in how resources are allocated towards implementation of the Obesity Strategy.
29. **Executive Response**
We expect the Obesity Strategy Implementation Plan to have defined actions for the Council and CCG for reducing inequalities and to outline how information and guidance will be provided to Area Boards as part of the Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment, and associated workshops in order for them to prioritise tackling inequalities and supporting groups at higher risk of obesity, including children living in poverty. Area boards are uniquely placed to deliver support to their local communities to achieve and maintain a healthy weight and will be key to delivering the strategic target of reducing the variation in excess weight between the least and most deprived children.
30. **Update**
The Obesity Strategy Implementation Plan includes actions for strategic partners around addressing inequalities. NCMP data has been shared at local level as part of Community Area Child Poverty Profiles and Community Joint Strategic Assessment (CJSA) events to enable local areas to identify priorities and actions around childhood obesity and child poverty.

31. The Obesity Strategy Implementation Group membership includes Community Engagement Managers who are tasked with taking a lead role in planning focused actions within their Community Areas. We are in the process of collating outcomes following the recent Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment (CJSA) events. Of the Community Areas that have sent through their priorities following the event, Malmesbury, South West Wiltshire, Corsham, Pewsey, Melksham have all voted to prioritise reducing childhood obesity, while Tidworth, Westbury, Pewsey, and Melksham to reduce child poverty which is very encouraging.
32. The Child Poverty Steering group are exploring opportunities on how best to sustain, develop and share best practice in relation to the work at local Community Area level following the Child Poverty Community Area Profile dissemination. We are exploring the option of holding an annual event to bring together stakeholders to share best practice and review progress.
33. **Recommendation Six**
When developing the Obesity Strategy's implementation plan, the council, CCG and partners to consider the particular challenges faced by people on low incomes in achieving good health outcomes so that maximum equity of access can be ensured.
34. **Executive Response**
We will expect an Equalities Impact Assessment on the Strategy to address this issue.
35. **Update**
An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed with CCG colleagues and is included among the background papers.
36. Local NCMP data has informed decisions around appropriate locations for our specialist weight management service (*Healthy Me*), so that they are located in areas with higher prevalence of excess weight among children. However, there are inevitable issues around ensuring equitable access across a county the size of Wiltshire, particularly for families living far from the market town localities and with limited access to transport. We are currently exploring how we can provide a more flexible approach to support to these families to access the programme.
37. The e-toolkit we are developing will provide information and resources including signposting to local services which can be accessed by anyone living in Wiltshire. We also plan to work with our Community Engagement Managers to identify and maximise community led interventions to support the obesity agenda.
38. **Recommendation Seven**
Schools to be given a greater profile within the Obesity Strategy to reflect the opportunity that schools' unique access to all children and young people presents, including access to 'hard-to-reach' groups such as those living in poverty.

39. **Executive Response**

We will ensure that Children's Services colleagues are involved in developing the strategy implementation plan in order to provide opportunities to maximise schools' engagement in this agenda. Healthy Schools has a key role and work is planned to support enhancing the expectations on schools in relation to nutrition and physical activity when they apply for Healthy Schools status.

40. *School nurses provide our universal public health services in schools and will be key in both influencing schools to take a holistic approach to the wellbeing of their children and young people as well as in supporting individual children with concerns about maintaining a healthy weight.*

41. **Update**

The Government launched the National Childhood Obesity Plan in August 2016. Many of the recommendations within the plan support the actions outlined in Wiltshire's Obesity Strategy Implementation Plan including; the commitment to increasing children's physical activity levels, supporting early years settings, and improving school food. Public Health England are a main partner responsible for delivering the Plan nationally and will be guiding local authorities in how they can support its implementation.

42. School nurses continue to support children and young people within the school setting providing advice and support around healthy weight/healthy lifestyles. They plan to run a campaign in the next academic year in relation to healthy weight. School nurses and primary health care professionals are a key source of referrals to the *Healthy Me* weight management programme. We are currently developing training on *Raising the Issue of Weight* which will enable school nurses to improve their confidence in talking about obesity with children, young people, parents and carers, raising their awareness and signposting to services and information resources available locally.

43. In addition, the school nursing service is currently undertaking health needs assessments (HNA) for local schools, compiling data from various sources including NCMP results and from the school health behaviours survey. They will share findings with senior management within schools to identify shared priorities, including highlighting health inequalities and identifying actions e.g. in relation to Healthy Schools. The HNA will also be used to inform the school nurse work programme tailored to the needs of the individual school community.

44. We continue to work closely with Wiltshire Healthy Schools colleagues to maximise opportunities for schools to engage with the programme. We are pleased that as a result of the Area Board engagement work in part prompted by the Community Area Child Poverty Profile dissemination that a number of Area Boards have offered support for schools in their area to join the programme.

45. The Healthy Schools programme supports schools to take a whole setting approach to improving health and wellbeing of pupils. Healthy weight is one of 4 themes linked to a set of standards which schools must meet to gain Healthy Schools recognition. Over the last year the Healthy Schools standards, resource library and web page relating to healthy eating and physical activity have been reviewed and are fully up to date with the latest evidence base.

46. We have recently undertaken a review of the provision of physical activity in schools, including the content of Healthy Schools standards and suggested physical activity interventions for schools. While schools may choose from a suite of suggested interventions, we plan to develop specific resources to encourage more schools to take part in the 'Daily Mile' (an opportunity at school for all children to run 1 mile every day), or a variation of it, and to sign up to Wiltshire's Big Pledge 2017. Further information will be forthcoming and we would welcome Area Board/Councillor support in encouraging take up of the initiative by schools.
47. **Recommendation Eight**
Work to be undertaken with schools to increase the take-up of free school meals by eligible families in order that children from families on low incomes reap the associated health benefits, with an update on free school meal take-up to be provided to the Committees in 12 months' time.
48. **Executive Response**
The Obesity Strategy Implementation Plan will include actions to increase uptake of free school meals by eligible families. Public Health and Children's Services to provide an update on progress in relation to increasing the uptake of free school meals in June 2017.
49. **Update**
The Council's Revenue and Benefits team has recently taken responsibility for the coordination of Free School Meals (FSM) in Wiltshire. All primary school children from reception to year 2 (infants) are entitled to the universal free school meals offer regardless of income level. This presents challenges in monitoring and reporting on numbers of children in families that would be eligible for free school meals as understandably many eligible families who meet the criteria for FSM are not registering for the entitlement as they receive FSM regardless. As a consequence of low levels of registration among eligible families the school does not receive the full Pupil Premium potential funding for these children which could be used by the school to fund a range of resources targeted to the most disadvantaged pupils such as school trips, books, additional tuition, breakfast clubs, additional teaching assistants etc.
50. We understand that the process of applying for FSM can be quite complex and have formed a group with colleagues in the Revenue and Benefits service to assess the perceived barriers of parents in accessing FSM. Together we plan to pilot some work in one primary and one secondary school to provide clear messages and increase the uptake of FSM. We will then hope to share the learning with other schools across the county linking with Healthy Schools to communicate the messages. In addition the Revenue and Benefits team will begin reviewing FSM take up among families who have been affected by the benefits cap, as we know these families are more than likely to be entitled to Free School Meals.
51. The Revenue and Benefits team are currently pulling together baseline figures on current uptake of universal free school meals and free school meals. We plan to report against this in future.

52. **Recommendation Nine**
To support the continuation and/or expansion of the targeted Wiltshire Food in School work supporting schools in deprived areas to improve the health and wellbeing of their school community.
53. **Executive Response**
We will work to develop a sustainable package of support to schools on improving whole school approaches to food e.g. through the Healthy Schools Programme
54. **Update**
Learning from Wiltshire's Food for Life (FFL) initiative, a 10 month pilot project (which ended in August 2016) to scope and support food in school initiatives and implementation of the School Food Plan is being incorporated into Healthy Schools and the Eat Out Eat Well programmes. For example through the Healthy Schools programme we will develop and disseminate useful resources for schools to share with families around healthy packed lunches. We have also completed a piece of work mapping the links between FFL criteria and Healthy Schools criteria to encourage schools to evidence their achievements in relation to both awards. In addition the Wiltshire Schools Cooks Network which formed through the pilot project agreed to continue to meet and share best practice.
55. Wiltshire Council's *Healthy Me* programme promotes healthy eating in schools during assemblies as part of their promotion and recruitment drive. Wiltshire Council's Big Pledge is an annual campaign to increase physical activity within our communities, with a lot of the work being targeted and promoted with schools as described previously.
56. **Recommendation Ten**
Further information to be provided on how Area Boards and communities will be supported to address issues identified in child poverty profiles for their community areas.
57. **Executive Response**
The Reducing Child Poverty Strategy Group will produce an end of year report in January 2017 which will include an outline of the work undertaken by Area Boards as a result of the Child Poverty Profile workshop/presentations held 2015/16. This report can be shared with members of the Health Select Committee as requested.
58. **Update**
Community Area Child Poverty Profiles have now been shared with all of Wiltshire's Community Areas. This has led to actions to address both child poverty and child obesity. Please refer to Child Poverty Report (background papers) for further detail. In addition the CJSA events held over the past few months have provided an additional opportunity to share local data including child poverty and child obesity data with Area Boards in a meaningful way (see update to recommendation five).

59. **Recommendation Eleven**
To support the continuation of cross-team work led by Public Health supporting every council service to consider what it can do to encourage healthy eating and activities.
60. **Executive Response**
Public health will work with Corporate Services to explore how future Service Plans could include a core commitment to addressing obesity.
61. **Update**
The Obesity Strategy Implementation Group includes colleagues from planning, leisure, area board community engagement, adult and child health improvement. The contribution of these teams reflects the complexities in tackling obesity and the need to engage with a variety of partners to achieve our strategic objectives.
62. There are a number of other groups and partnerships within the council including the Child Health Improvement Group, the Early Years Board, the Safe Active Travel Group and Healthy Schools Partnership which will all be overseeing aspects of strategy implementation in relation to children and young people. In addition, Wiltshire Council's focus on Workplace Wellbeing will support our workforce and their families to pursue healthy lifestyles within and outside the workplace.
63. Leisure colleagues are developing a 'leisure offer' which spans across the life course working in conjunction with health improvement services. Training on *Making Every Contact Count* to encourage healthy conversations and asking the right type of questions to elicit change is being cascaded to key members of staff across the Council.
64. **Recommendation Twelve**
The Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, and the Cabinet Member for Planning, Property, Waste and Strategic Housing, to advise if the council currently seeks to influence the proliferation of fast food outlets (particularly near schools) through the planning process and, if not, whether they are plans to consider doing so.
65. **Executive Response**
Discussions are at an early stage to develop and amend planning policies within the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Such policies have been implemented in other areas of the country and would help to mitigate against the effects of obesogenic environments in Wiltshire. Public health officers will work with public protection colleagues, the Spatial Planning Team and Development Control to gain consensus on developing supplementary planning guidance setting out prescribed exclusion zones (400m restriction) around schools and FE College campuses, and restrictions on the number of hot food take aways along the high street.
66. **Update**

We are currently awaiting further confirmation from the Spatial Planning team regarding the refresh of Wiltshire's Core Strategy and the timescales for this. Once this information is provided we will be in a position to explore the incorporation of a health and wellbeing policy into the Core Strategy. A recent briefing paper was submitted to Councillors on the proliferation of fast food outlets within the proximity of schools. Whilst this doesn't seem to be an issue in all areas of Wiltshire, developing supplementary planning guidance around this would be beneficial for children's health and wellbeing. We will continue to work with planning colleagues to support this work.

67. **Proposal**

To note the update on progress and to ask the Committee to continue to support implementation of Wiltshire's Obesity Strategy, particularly through local action to address inequalities, encourage uptake of Healthy Schools, and the Daily Mile initiative.

To participate in the Obesity Summit planned for July 21st 2017.

To agree a schedule for future reporting on progress.

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Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report: Equalities Impact Assessment; Child Poverty Report 2016-17.

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Child Poverty Strategy Progress Report 2016-17

Aim

To provide an update on implementation of Wiltshire's Reducing Child Poverty Strategy, particularly in relation to dissemination of Child Poverty Community Area Profiles and how Area Boards are taking local action as a result.

Background

Wiltshire's Reducing Child Poverty Strategy 2015-2020 aims to reduce and mitigate against the effects of Child Poverty in Wiltshire.

Recent legislative changes

The Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 amends and repeals a number of legal duties set out in the Child Poverty Act 2010. The legislation sets out an agenda for Welfare reform including measures to implement lowering of the benefits threshold and places an increased emphasis on addressing educational attainment and worklessness. It places a new duty on the Secretary of State to report annually on children in workless households and the educational attainment of children in addition to the number of children living in low income households.

The terminology 'children in low income households' replaces the previous 'child poverty' terminology, but for the purposes of reporting is synonymous since the definition of children living in low income remains unchanged, as; *the proportion of children living in families within the UK that are either in receipt of out-of-work benefits or in receipt of tax credits with a reported income which is less than 60 per cent of national median income*. For the year ending 5 April 2015 the national median gross annual earnings for full-time employees were £27,600, 60% of this is £15,560.

Impact of poverty

Children who grow up in poverty face a greater risk of having poor health, being exposed to crime, and failing to reach their full potential, creating a cycle of poverty for the future.

Wiltshire

The most recent available data on child poverty is from 2014 which shows that 11.8% of children in Wiltshire lived in households with an income of less than 60% of the national median income. This is an increase from the previous year (2013) when it was 10.6% and had been gradually decreasing since 2006. England as a whole has also seen a rise to from 17% in 2012 to 20% in 2014. The UK has one of the highest rates of child poverty in the industrialised world.

There is significant variation within Wiltshire with pockets of high deprivation found in particular localities and significant deprivation across some vulnerable groups. For example 2014 data by Community Area shows a range from 6.9% to 17.1% of children living in poverty and within Community Areas there is further variation. There are additional challenges in a rural county like Wiltshire, the *Country Life: tougher to make ends meet* report found people living in rural communities need to

spend 10-20% more than those in urban areas to reach a minimum acceptable living standard while pay levels are frequently lower than urban areas.

Progress with implementing the strategy

An implementation plan to deliver the Council's Reducing Child Poverty Strategy was developed in March 2015 by the multi-agency Wiltshire Child Poverty Steering Group. The five strategic objectives outlined were to:

1. Provide effective support to vulnerable families with 0-5 year olds
2. Narrowing the educational attainment gap
3. Develop an inclusive economy that will enable equality of economic opportunity for all
4. Provide locally focused support based on a thorough understanding of needs.
5. Promote engagement with the Child Poverty Strategy and related implementation plan.

Tackling Child Poverty in our communities

A key objective of our Reducing Child Poverty Strategy over the past year or so has been on developing and disseminating the Child Poverty Community Area Profiles to allow communities to do more to tackle child poverty. The profiles include detailed information on the age breakdown of children living in poverty, health indicators relating to poverty, educational attainment, and information on worklessness and unemployment for each community area.

Public Health staff met with the Area Board Chairs to agree how they would like the information presented to their Boards and developed a presentation and workshop model. Public Health have worked closely with Community Engagement Managers (CEMs) to organise and deliver these workshops ensuring engagement with wider stakeholders was maximised in order to ensure that the different needs within populations were identified and targeted effectively and that links to existing work were strengthened.

We have now presented the profiles in all 20 Community Areas. The CEMs have played an important role in taking forward action from these sessions, cascading information to their local stakeholders through further workshops, professional meetings and young people's forums. As a result of these workshops and presentations there is now a range of activity taking place across Community Areas to reduce child poverty.

In some areas, local action has included the establishment of specific working parties/strategy groups. For example Salisbury Area Board have established a Child Wellbeing sub group to drive forward a range of initiatives as a result of the dissemination of the profile. In Trowbridge there has been engagement with housing providers to develop youth clubs for young people in Studley Green. Some areas such as Amesbury have used the profile data to evidence needs to influence and inform decisions on grants and priorities. In other localities dissemination of the data has stimulated discussion in relation to what can be done at a local level to address

the educational attainment gap at KS2 and KS4. *See appendix for a summary of current activity.*

Presentations highlighted the importance of promoting emotional attachment and intervening early in the life course and as a result many area boards are more engaged with local early years settings and providers in recognition of the importance of early intervention.

Almost all of the Community Areas, often in partnership with Town and Parish Councils, and Children's Centres have decided to progress smoke free playground signage. Smoking prevalence tends to be higher among more economically disadvantaged communities. Latest data shows that in Wiltshire, 14.3% of all adults smoke which rises to 27.8% prevalence among routine and manual workers. The signage protects children from exposure to cigarette smoke and from seeing adults smoking helping to de-normalise smoking behaviour.

A number of the Area Boards have also seen the potential of the Wiltshire Healthy Schools Programme to improve the health and wellbeing of children and to address health inequalities. Melksham Area Board has supported local schools to take part in the programme and Wootton Bassett and Cricklade schools are also being funded by the Area Board to join, while a number of other Area Boards are considering similar support to enable their local schools to participate in the programme.

Reducing Child Poverty Strategy Group Workshops

Over the past year the strategy group has held themed workshops to engage with key partners to explore and address objectives in the Reducing Child Poverty Strategy. The first of these, held in March 2016, focused on housing, health and child poverty led to an increased understanding of roles and better links between public health and housing colleagues including providers. This has resulted in increased consideration of health and wellbeing including child safety, air quality and fuel poverty. The Public Health team are planning further networking opportunities to deliver Injury Prevention training with resident involvement officers and input to local tenant newsletters.

Another workshop held in May focused on Strategic Objective 2 – Narrowing the Educational Attainment Gap. The workshop highlighted importance of early intervention in the early years and also strengthened links with the Disadvantaged Learners strategy/team. The workshop provided an opportunity to bring together a wide range of professionals to explore the impact of improving health and wellbeing and addressing inequalities on improving a range of outcomes including narrowing the educational attainment gap. Outcomes included identification of practical opportunities for including increasing uptake of Better2gether funding for disadvantaged 2 year olds to access quality child care which are being taken forward.

At the last Strategy Group meeting in January 2017, it was agreed to plan to hold a wider stakeholder engagement event at the end of the year to showcase local achievements in addressing child poverty and share best practice. We are anticipating further clarification on the long awaited national Life Chances/Social

Justice Strategy and would see this event as an opportunity to disseminate information about the national strategy and review Wiltshire's Reducing Child Poverty Strategy priorities accordingly.

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Appendix One

Child Poverty - how the evidence is inspiring community-led action

As of February 2017 the profiles have been presented in all of Wiltshire's Community Areas. The table below sets out the schedule of presentations to Area Boards to date and subsequent activity to address local priorities:

Area Board	Date presented	What's happening in our communities?
Melksham	9 Sept 2015	<p>Smoke-free playground signage has been rolled out within Melksham Town, Melksham Without and two further parishes. Work is underway with the Healthy Schools Co-ordinator and local Head teachers to increase engagement, with all schools working together to achieve Healthy Schools accreditation. A joint Melksham schools training/ best practice sharing programme, part funded by the Melksham Area Board, started in September 2016.</p> <p>In Melksham the Local Youth Network (LYN) consulted with young people about their needs. Funding was allocated to ensure that children with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) were able to use Youth Canoe Club.</p> <p>Advice and guidance drop in sessions for young people are running and social investment has given disadvantaged young people opportunities to experience trips that may otherwise be out of their reach.</p> <p>A project has commenced with the all schools within the community area that will support schools attaining a minimum of Bronze level on the Healthy Schools programme.</p>
Warminster	10 Sept 2015	<p>To ensure support and access to services and activities for young people in rural areas a LYN was established. The LYN funded an all-weather outdoor table tennis club, summer activities project and a street based youth work project.</p> <p>The area board has also had a key role in supporting children and young people and has funded youth activities across the community area four times a week, in Warminster and Codford.</p>
Pewsey	14 Sept 2015	<p>People in Pewsey Community Area wanted to provide affordable transport for young people and families to the local Health and Wellbeing Centre. The planning application for the centre was submitted in July 2016 and transport options will remain a priority for 2016-2017.</p> <p>The Area Board and LYN continue to promote young people's services and opportunities across Pewsey Vale, to fund a variety of activities (including leisure/wellbeing and social based projects) and to provide support to 3 active Youth groups in Pewsey, Grafton and Great Bedwyn.</p> <p>Smoke free playpark signage has been installed at Pewsey Youth football ground, playgrounds in Pewsey, Great Bedwyn and Manningford parishes and will shortly be displayed in Stanton St Bernard and Burbage.</p>

Marlborough	29 Sept 2015	Local people have set up a group to co-ordinate work to reduce child poverty and volunteers started a new youth club in the old youth centre building and are running one evening session every week.
Westbury	13 Oct 2015	<p>A child poverty summit took place at Matravers School with primary schools, Wiltshire Police, the children's centre, the local health trainer, church groups, town councillors, housing associations and Crosspoint. Priorities were identified and a number of initiatives are being taken forward including healthy eating workshops and access to education for young parents seeking employment. There are also plans for a larger scale community event to include promotion and raising awareness of local services for young people.</p> <p>Westbury Town Council has agreed to display smoke free playgrounds signage.</p>
Trowbridge	19 Oct 2015	<p>As a result of the workshop a Child Poverty Working Party was established. Priorities identified were: teenage pregnancy, better joining up of existing local initiatives and better outreach to most deprived areas. Specific projects include: working with a local secondary school on an initiative to target teenage boys in relation to teenage pregnancy and developing an initiative with a school and a local older people's lunch club to build community links and resilience.</p> <p>The LYN have funded youth worker posts and youth café's in Studely Green, Seymour and other estates. Youth work volunteers have been trained and smoke free playground signage has been rolled out across the community area.</p> <p>Active Trowbridge through LYN funding are providing outreach sporting activities to most deprived area to improve child health, including football camps and fun days.</p> <p>LYN has funded specific projects for BME young people from deprived areas and a Teenage Market.</p>
Malmesbury	4 Nov 2015	<p>LYN-funded youth workers are delivering weekly sessions in Malmesbury and there are plans for provision in Oaksey. Mindrest workshops are improving mental health support for young people. The area board has supported Malmesbury Scouts, Malmesbury preschool and Brinkworth recreation facilities and Oaksey, Sherston, Brinkworth and Dauntsey have all received funding to support the improvement and development of play park facilities.</p> <p>The LYN has also funded teen sports sessions running in every parish for the summer of 2016. These multi-sports days will culminate in a community sports day held in Malmesbury. The Network is continuing to fund a wide range of activities for young people including social, cultural, sports and wellbeing based projects.</p>
Chippenham	9 Nov 2015	<p>The public health team have continued to work with the partnership on data and school engagement. Chippenham Child Poverty Forum was established in 2014 and reported to the Area Board. Oversight of the Reducing Child Poverty agenda is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>Activities on offer for children and young people in Chippenham included a ropes course, a youth café, parkour and canoeing taster sessions, a summer park programme, a girls group and a residential</p>

		<p>week at Oxenwood. A street dance group, world music workshops, mountain biking courses and outdoor youth groups also provided opportunities for young people to engage in positive, creative activities and a photography competition has been launched.</p> <p>The Riverbank Studios recording studios based at Olympiad was given £5,000 by the area board to continue to provide music sessions and allow young people access to affordable professional facilities. The Studios provides a local band and music development service for young people ages 13-19yrs, in the area. It works with young people to develop their music skills, and production skills.</p>
Amesbury	11 Nov 2015	<p>The Youth Network has met with local professionals to identify and discuss local priorities as follows: mental health; foodbank usage; SEND; domestic violence; and transport. The information was then discussed at an Area Board meeting and another conference is booked for February 2016 to pick up on continuing this work.</p> <p>The Youth Network were also approved several grants at the conference and the child poverty data was influential in securing the funding. The CYOs and CEM continue to use the child poverty profile to evidence the needs of Amesbury community with an aim to influence and inform decisions on grants, priorities including the Youth Needs Assessment and the JSA. The CEM has also contacted all of the Amesbury parishes to promote take up of smoke free signage for play grounds.</p> <p>To provide opportunities for young people to demonstrate the positive contribution they make to the community four separate youth groups have been set up and are supported by volunteers. The Local Youth Network and local volunteers are also running a local Blues 'n' Zuz disco which was set up by the police to provide a fun, safe, supervised and friendly environment where teenagers can socialise. Area board funding has provided wheelchair basketball for disabled young people, helping to ensure that all young people have the chance to get involved in sport.</p> <p>The CEM has met with the Community Champion at Tesco Amesbury and agreed that they will offer the youth providers with free fresh fruit at the end of shifts to be distributed during drop in sessions.</p>
Bradford on Avon	11 Nov 2015	<p>The Youth Forum was well attended by young people with most of the 50 attendees from St Laurence school and the youth centre. Discussion groups were held on a range of issues of interest to young people. Voting on priorities highlighted the need for a youth cafe; open mic music sessions for YP; floodlit astroturf facilities; better information and communication with young people through social media; and interest in volunteering through a 'time credits' scheme. Project ideas were reported to the BoA Local Youth Network Management Group to explore how these priorities can be progressed</p> <p>The CEM will include the local CP profile and revised delivery plans for Children's Centre services in the next agenda of the local Multi Agency Forum in order to unpack and discuss findings in more depth.</p> <p>There are now youth clubs and workers at Bradford on Avon and Holt, young curators at Wiltshire Music Centre and student counselling at St Laurence School. Initiatives, including the Iron Duke industrial heritage project, a summer holiday activity programme, Dance Back to 1914 and a youth forum, have all helped increase community engagement</p>

		<p>and activities on offer for young people.</p> <p>Schools in the area participated in the Road to Rio activity challenge during June and July 2017, reporting positive outcomes for those children who participated and the LYN funded a programme of summer activities during the school holidays.</p> <p>A youth-themed area board meeting at St Laurence school in November will receive updates on other youth activities and projects which are aiming to address the child poverty issues in our community.</p>
Tidworth	16 Nov 2015	<p>People in the area wanted to ensure it was easier for parents to make positive choices for their children. A child poverty group was set up to drive work forward and smoke free signage has been put up in local playgrounds.</p> <p>Reducing child poverty is a priority for the Tidworth Community Area and a full localised child poverty action plan is being developed at out bi-monthly steering group meetings. Activity has already started to meet the aims of the emerging plan.</p> <p>The Area Board has been engaging with partners such as Wiltshire Money and Home Start Kennet. Wiltshire Money are now providing a money management course in the Windmill Hill Children's Centre, while Home Start Kennet are providing a first aid course to parents to help prevent injury in the home.</p>
Devizes	23 Nov 2015	<p>The local priority was to increase opportunities available for young people and the LYN has been a success in Devizes with lots of projects being supported to create opportunities for young people. Projects include a young person's art competition and an opportunity for young people in Devizes to produce audio content and broadcast via their own popular podcast.</p>
Corsham	25 Nov 2015	<p>Local people were concerned about obesity rates at the end of primary school. To tackle the problem local schools are now running healthy eating programmes. Corsham Youth Council ran a survey to collect information about sports facilities for young people and a new programme of holiday sporting activities has been set up by a community group in Colerne, funded by the LYN. The group are designing a 'trim trail' adventure playground.</p> <p>New youth provision has been set up at Springfield Community Campus and will run every Friday offering activities and a safe place to meet. A counselling service, funded by the area board is providing support for young people and summer and school holiday's programmes are run at Springfield. Greensquare Housing has offered to fund their young residents to attend activities such as a basketball, football camp and Camp Activate.</p> <p>The area board has also supported the teenage help line, activities at the Pound Arts Centre and Go Active activities.</p>
Salisbury	7 Jan 2016	<p>People in Salisbury wanted to encourage investment in areas with high levels of deprivation. The LYN was set up with 12 young people from six different schools across the community area to help make recommendations to the area board on use of the youth budget. The LYN was formally launched in 2014 and over 60 community representatives attended the launch. The area board discussed the</p>

		<p>child poverty strategy in Salisbury and agreed to support the LYN to focus on areas of deprivation in two key areas.</p> <p>A wellbeing gym for 50 young people who are deemed to be vulnerable or at risk and a junior gym for around 100 young people aged 12 to 17 were both trialled, a toddler group soft play facility was funded and Salisbury's Teenage Market was launched. The Sound Emporium also secured £100,000 of funding to run a youth music project out of a disused cold war bunker in Harnham. The 'Dancing Back to 1914' project, for 11-19 year olds, a new Bike Hub (to teach safe cycling and good maintenance skills) in Bemerton Heath, and the Spurgeon's Young Carers initiative all received local funding.</p> <p>The public debate of data on child poverty at the area board meeting in January 2016 led to the setting up of a Child Wellbeing partnership group, which is chaired by Cllr Mary Douglas. This group is currently formulating an action plan, and its main focus will be on early years (0-5) and strengthening support for parents in the most deprived areas of the city.</p>
Calne	26 Jan 2016	<p>The community prioritised addressing child poverty and reducing childhood obesity. The Love Calne Love Clean Air group helped do this by promoting walking and cycling in its action plan and a local Beat the Street initiative got 24% of Calne's population out walking or cycling. Cooking for survival sessions were held for young people leaving home and for young carers and the Make Summer Matter project provided young people who had excluded themselves from education with support to get back into learning. The Media Mentors group delivered workshops to other young people, producing pieces of media that tackle body image messages, and Calne Running and Triathlon Team offered starter sessions providing young people with cheaper ways to exercise.</p>
South West Wiltshire	3 Feb 2016	<p>Local people wanted to do more to increase transport to outlying villages. The area board allocated funding to assist the purchase of community transport, primarily to support the delivery of youth activities. A new minibus is now in operation, run and managed by Zeals Youth Trust and used by other local community groups.</p> <p>The Area Board has commissioned 'Anybody Can Cook' to run a series of healthy cooking/eating sessions for young people across the area; sessions have already started and will be run in Mere, Tisbury, Wilton and the Chalke Valley.</p> <p>The Board is also looking to develop a partnership with Home Start South Wiltshire to enhance the awareness and support for parents of under-5s in the area. A meeting has been arranged on 29th September 2016 to explore this further and updates will be provided in due course.</p> <p>Seven parishes have put up smoke-free playpark signage.</p>
Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade	20 July 2016	<p>A themed area board meeting was held to confirm local priorities and from this a local child poverty action plan has been produced. Financial support has been offered to all schools in the community area to take part in the Healthy Schools programme and ABC cookery courses have been offered to The Rise Trust children's centres in RWB and Cricklade.</p> <p>Practical support has been provided to establish a network of toddler group leaders and to connect the group with the National Pre-School</p>

		<p>Alliance to help them to share ideas and experiences.</p> <p>The Wiltshire Council apprenticeships scheme has been promoted locally as well as the free learning opportunities available at the Manor House Enterprise Centre, RWB. Business advice is given to young people by experts at the Centre. The Area Board is working with the Greensquare Group and digi-champions in Cricklade to help people of every age to improve their ICT skills when seeking employment.</p>
Southern Wiltshire	1 st December 2016	<p>To increase support for children and young people there has been development of voluntary led youth clubs across Winterslow, Whiteparish, Lover, Old Sarum, West Dean and play parks at Landford, Nomansland and West Dean have also been upgraded to improve facilities for children. A community led reward scheme has encouraged volunteering in community.</p> <p>The Area Board planned to discuss the Child Poverty Profile in relation to the Community Joint Strategic Assessment in January 2017 and to identify priorities and actions accordingly.</p>

Equality Impact Analysis – the EIA form

Title of the paper or Scheme: Wiltshire Obesity Strategy

For the record	
Name of person leading this EIA: Julie Craig /Shelley Watson	Date completed; 04/11/2015
Names of people involved in consideration of impact: Ted Wilson /John Goodall	
Name of director signing EIA Ted Wilson	Date signed 05/11/2015

What is the proposal? What outcomes/benefits are you hoping to achieve?

This draft obesity strategy has been developed jointly by Wiltshire Council and the NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The strategic vision is that by 2020 Wiltshire will be a place where all individuals, families and communities are informed, enabled, motivated and empowered to achieve or maintain a healthy weight. This will be achieved through collaborative working to provide information, advice, services and behaviour change support and influence the quality of the environment in which people live and where necessary provide the most appropriate treatments.

Action will be targeted at key points in the life-course, to deliver improvements in services including equity of access. Specific effort will be made to ensure universal actions are designed with and for the most disadvantaged groups, with targeted support for those who need it. This will enable groups with the highest need to benefit most from the implementation of the strategy.

The strategy reflects the fact that no single solution will halt the rise in obesity. To this end, action is needed to ensure a whole system and sustainable approach, which focuses on reducing health inequalities and improving mental health and wellbeing, engaging effectively with communities and the workforce and using data and intelligence well.

One of the five strategic targets set specifically addresses the obesity related health inequalities linked to social disadvantage; these five targets will be measures of our success.

Who's it for?

All residents of Wiltshire

How will this proposal meet the equality duties?

Wiltshire Clinical commissioning group and Wiltshire Council has a duty to promote equality of opportunity, promote good relations, promote positive attitudes and eliminate unlawful discrimination. An Equality Impact screening has been undertaken for this draft Obesity Strategy version 2. An Equality Impact Assessment is planned for the final document following public consultation. The Priorities and high level actions contained in the strategy will provide the overall strategic direction for the development of an implementation plan

The strategy aims to ensure services will be delivered with due regard to Equalities legislation and that people wishing to maintain a healthy body weight or with an unhealthy body weight will have equitable access to services according to need.

The strategic objectives and priorities have most relevance to the WCCG and Wiltshire Council's equality duties to promote equality of opportunity, and eliminate unlawful discrimination. A negative impact on any of the protected groups as defined by the Equality Act 2010 is unlikely and the Strategy is intended to have a positive impact.

What are the barriers to meeting this potential?

None

What data/evidence do you have about who is or could be affected (e.g. equality monitoring, customer feedback, current service use, national/regional/local trends)?

National and local, primary, secondary and community data along with the Wiltshire joint strategic assessment demonstrate who will be affected. All of the protected groups as defined by the Equality Act 2010 could be impacted by the obesity strategy. The protected characteristics that are most likely to be affected are: Age, Disability, Race, Sex and Other, including Military status, rurality, low skilled workers, low income and long term unemployed, those with long-term health conditions.

There is an acknowledgement in the Strategy of a need to use data and intelligence well to improve our understanding of access to obesity services by people from different groups. Some specific actions in the strategy will further this understanding :

- Continue to use data from the Joint Strategic Assessment and the National Child Measurement Programme to identify local need and appropriately target and deliver services.
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of current healthy lifestyle initiatives and weight management programmes for children and adults and develop strategies for improving programme uptake, adherence and outcomes

We will look at improving data to use to examine differences in obesity prevalence and differences by protected characteristic group and by geography. National data shows that there is higher prevalence in certain groups such as Asian, learning disabilities and low socioeconomic groups who generally have poorer health outcomes. These pieces of work will help us to understand differences in the kind of services/locations people might access and how to deliver prevention messages suitable for particular groups.

The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on the Council and CCG to promote Equality of Opportunity, Good Relations and Eliminate Unlawful Discrimination. The Joint obesity strategy and the implementation plan which is being developed to sit beneath it will be fundamentally designed to promote equality of access to all groups. Therefore, it may be possible that the outcomes of the Strategy will affect sections of the community in different ways by specifically targeting particular groups of individuals to overcome disadvantage and inequality.

How can you involve your customers in developing the proposal?

A multidisciplinary obesity consultation event in July 2015, identified and informed the strategy the and how it will be taken forward.

A period of Public consultation and engagement is planned following approval of this draft strategy and further involvement and engagement from stakeholders will take place as individual service developments and service reviews progress.

Who is missing? Do you need to fill any gaps in your data? (pause EIA if necessary)

Additional insight could be gained from obtaining and analysing equalities related data to ensure that the services we are providing are indeed accessible to all. Without this data and understanding, there is a risk that services are not being accessed by certain minority or geographical groups. Work on data sharing and generation will be included as an action in the implementation plan.

3 Impact

Refer to dimensions of equality and equality groups

Show consideration of: age, disability, sex, transgender, marriage/civil partnership, maternity/pregnancy, race, religion/belief, sexual orientation and if appropriate: financial economic status, homelessness, political view

Using the information in parts 1 & 2 does the proposal:

a) Create an adverse impact which may affect some groups or individuals. Is it clear what this is? How can this be mitigated or justified?

Adverse impact

Age

The strategy holds no adverse impact for different age groups, all ages are targeted through the life course approach.

Disability

The strategy holds no adverse impact for people with a disability. However it is acknowledged that in development of services, care needs to be taken to ensure equity of access for people with disabilities.

Ethnicity

The strategy holds no adverse impact for people from different ethnic groups. However, effort will be made to reach different ethnic groups by targeted public health messages regarding wellbeing and offering translation for any of the information/newsletters.

Gender reassignment

The strategy holds no adverse impact for people who have had, or are undergoing, gender reassignment.

Religion or belief

The strategy holds no adverse impact for people of different religions or beliefs.

Sex

The strategy holds no adverse impact for individuals who are female or male.

Marriage and civil partnership

The strategy holds no adverse impact for individuals who are married or in a civil partnership.

Pregnancy and Maternity

The strategy holds no adverse impact for individuals who are pregnant or taking maternity leave.

Sexual Orientation

The strategy holds no adverse impact for people of different sexual orientations.

Socio-economic groups

The strategy holds no adverse impact for people from different socio-economic groups.

Action will be targeted at key points in the life-course, to deliver improvements in services including equity of access. Specific effort will be made to ensure universal actions are designed with and for the most disadvantaged groups, with targeted support for those who need it. This will enable groups with the highest need to benefit most from the implementation of the strategy. The delivery of the strategy centres around partnership involvement. If within the partnership arena, considerations are made to procure a contracted service, this will be subject to the relevant equalities and procurement guidelines and relevant strategy.

What can be done to change this impact?

No further action is required

b) Create benefit for a particular group. Is it clear what this is? Can you maximise the benefits for other groups?

The proposal will benefit all Wiltshire residents.

Does further consultation need to be done? How will assumptions made in this Analysis be

tested?

On-going engagement with clinicians and service users will take place including a period of Public consultation and engagement planned following approval of this draft strategy. Further involvement and engagement from stakeholders will take place as individual service developments and service reviews progress.

Assumptions made in this analysis will be tested through effective monitoring and evaluation of interventions implemented including service user and patient feedback.

4 So what?

Link to business planning process

What changes have you made in the course of this EIA?

None ,

What will you do now and what will be included in future planning?

When will this be reviewed?

The Equality Impact Assessment document is a working document which will be updated at various stages of the implementation phase of the strategy. Each version will be version controlled to demonstrate the development in the process and evidence the due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

The implementation of any recommendations as a result of this Impact Assessment will be monitored by the multi-agency steering group who will remain vigilant and alert to new evidence suggesting that discrimination or other prohibited conduct is, or could be, occurring and take appropriate action to prevent this from happening.

How will success be measured?

We will measure our progress against prevalence data and indicators in the national Public Health, Adult Social Care and NHS Outcomes Frameworks.

We have set the following Wiltshire ambition that specifically addresses the obesity related health inequalities linked to social disadvantage:

- To reduce the variation in excess weight in children between the least and most deprived areas by 2% by 2020 (measure: PHOF 2.06i-ii excess weight in 4-5 and 10-11 year olds).

We will also use local outcome measures including indicators on service delivery and access. We will ensure that all interventions have measurable outcomes, with standardised effective monitoring and evaluation built in including service user and patient feedback to increase the local evidence base.

Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

14 March 2017

Executive Response to the Final Report of the School Improvement Strategy Task Group

Purpose of the report

1. To present the response of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to the Final Report of the School Improvement Strategy Task Group.

Background

2. On 31 January 2017, the Children's Select Committee endorsed the Final Report of the Task Group.
3. The Committee resolved to refer the following Task Group's recommendations to the relevant Cabinet member for response at the Committee's next meeting on 14 March 2017.

Executive response to the Task Group's recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member for Children's Services:

Recommendation No.1	Retains an effective School Improvement Service without any further reduction in resource and offers this as part of a traded service.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	David Clarke
Executive Response:			
The Council is retaining its School Improvement Service and will shortly set out how this will run for the 2017/18 academic year. From September 2018, it is anticipated that direct work with schools to improve educational standards will mostly be traded.			

Recommendation No.2	Authorises necessary action so that this traded service is introduced promptly and in readiness for the budgetary changes.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	David Clarke
Executive Response:			

The Council has secured the services of a specialist in developing schools traded services and the initial phase of the work has already been completed. It has been agreed that the Council will look at developing a specific unit for trading with schools – linking with all areas of the Council that trade with schools.

Recommendation No.3	Considers offering this service to schools on a three year contractual basis which would provide greater financial stability.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	David Clarke
Executive Response:			
The Council will look at the potential to offer services to schools, including school improvement, for longer than one year.			

Recommendation No.4	Retains the present use of Heads and Retired Heads on a consultancy basis as SIAs and WIAs as this makes best and cost effective use of current expertise and helps disseminate best practice.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	David Clarke
Executive Response:			
There are no plans to change our current model of using serving and retired Headteachers on a consultancy basis to support our school improvement work.			

Recommendation No.5	Continues the programme that enables advisors to make 3 half-day visits each year to their allocated schools in order to ensure we are able to provide timely interventions and appropriate levels of support.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	David Clarke
Executive Response:			
The School Effectiveness Team will look at how school improvement work can best be delivered so that LA maintained schools (and Academies that buy the service) are well-supported (and challenged) to improve educational standards.			

Recommendation No.6	Reviews SIA /WIA training, assessment, and quality control, given the crucial nature of the advisors work and to ensure consistency and rigour.		
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Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	David Clarke
Executive Response:			
There is a continual process of reviewing SIA/WIA training, assessment and quality control.			

Recommendation No.7	Recommends that all schools in receipt of support from the School Improvement Service are routinely given the opportunity to provide feedback on the quality of that service.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	David Clarke
Executive Response:			
Schools are already encouraged to provide feedback on the quality of the service. This is also part of the work on developing school improvement as a traded service.			

Recommendation No.8	In response to future changes reviews the present system in order to create a new relationship and culture in which schools are seen as customers and receive a bespoke service.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	David Clarke
Executive Response:			
This is part of the work on developing a unit for trading with schools.			

That the Children's Select Committee:

Recommendation No.9	Adds a review of the strategy and support programme for disadvantaged learners to the forward work programme.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	David Clarke
Executive Response:			
We welcome the Children's Select Committee's intention to focus on delivery of our Disadvantaged Learners' Strategy as part of its forward work programme.			

Proposal

4. To note the executive response to the Final Report of the School Improvement Strategy Task Group.
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Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

14 March 2017

**Executive Response to the Final Report of the
Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group (2016-17)**

Purpose of the report

1. To present the response of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to the Final Report of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group.

Background

2. On 31 January 2017, the Children's Select Committee endorsed the Final Report of the Task Group.
3. The Committee resolved to refer the following Task Group's recommendations to the relevant Cabinet member for response at the Committee's next meeting on 14 March 2017.

Executive response to the Task Group's recommendations

That the Children's Select Committee:

Recommendation No.1	Notes that overall the Task Group has confidence in the consistency and cohesion of the council's child protection audit process and the process to select the themes and identify the trends (and take necessary actions where appropriate);		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Recommendation No.2	Considers working arrangements with the Wiltshire Safeguarding Children's Board (WSCB) further when more information on national plans for LSCBs is available;		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

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That the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services considers:

Recommendation No.3	Adding dedicated “practice weeks” to the council’s social care learning and improvement framework;		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Recommendation No.4	Amending social care structures and processes so that, to the greatest extent possible, children and families have the same social worker for the whole of their journey in the social care process;		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Recommendation No.5	Exploring if introducing a “Specialist Practitioner” role or similar to provide an alternative career pathway for experienced social workers who wish to remain in frontline practice rather than move into management would deliver similar benefits for Wiltshire.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Recommendation No.6	The possible benefits of having “supplementary” social care teams and services in-house rather than commissioning them to external agencies		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

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Recommendation No.7	Introducing a systemic model of child protection casework, similar to those evidenced in other authorities;		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Recommendation No.8	In keeping with a systemic model of child protection casework, defines a “case” as a family (potentially including multiple children) rather than an individual child, with internal case numbers counted as such, thereby ensuring that families have a single social worker (while recognising that the case numbers reported to central government have to reflect individual children);		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Recommendation No.9	In keeping with a systemic model of child protection casework, introducing an alternative model for assessing children’s additional needs, such as the Family Star System;		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Recommendation No.10	Working with the Cabinet Member for Housing, and while recognising the clear differences between small, urban London boroughs and the rural county of Wiltshire, reserving an allocation of properties on the housing list for care leavers to support their transition into independent living, thus removing the necessity of placing care leavers on the emergency band for housing;		
Reason for recommendation			

Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Recommendation No.11	Supporting the CAFCASS+ pilot as a potential way of easing pressures within the family court system;		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Recommendation No.12	Outlining how the Mind of My Own (MoMO) app is currently used in Wiltshire as a way of ensuring the child's voice is heard in the social care process.		
Reason for recommendation			
Cabinet member	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lead Officer	Terence Herbert
Executive Response:			

Proposal

- To note the executive response to the Final Report of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group (2016-17).

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Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

14 March 2017

Task Group update

Purpose

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

1. SEND Task Group

Membership:

Mr Ken Brough
Cllr Trevor Carbin
Cllr Mary Champion
Cllr Sue Evans
Cllr Simon Jacobs
Rev Alice Kemp (Chairman)
Cllr Jonathon Seed
Cllr John Walsh

Supporting Officer: Henry Powell

Terms of reference:

To explore how we can best prepare young people with SEND for Adulthood, including:

- Local education and training options, including managing transitions
- Planning for employment and supporting local employers to employ young people with SEND
- Providing housing options to support young people with SEND to live in their communities
- Developing communities that are inclusive, welcoming and supportive of young people with SEND.

Recent activity:

Since the task group's final report was endorsed in January 2016 the Task Group and Committee chairmen has had a number of meetings with officers and executive members regarding the issue of accommodation for young adults with SEND. These meetings have covered:

- How families are supported to plan adult accommodation for young people with SEND and how transitions are managed
- How young adults with SEND are supported to bid for properties on the Homes4Wiltshire list
- How data is collected to enable the council to plan and deliver suitable accommodation for young adults with SEND
- What accommodation options are available for young adults with SEND and what the challenges are in meeting everyone's needs.

On 28 February 2017, the chairmen of the task group and select committee meet with officers from the Adult Care, Housing, Strategy & Commissioning team to discuss these issues further. From this meeting (and from previous meetings with other officers), Rev Kemp and Cllr Hubbard have reached the following conclusions:

1. Those with SEND require a variety of housing options, including independent living with occasional support, independent living with live-in or overnight care, shared accommodation with shared communal spaces and support (e.g. 'cluster apartments') or specialist residential homes for those with higher needs.
2. Housing developers can be very risk averse in building non-standard accommodation options and therefore a strong evidence base is needed when persuading them to build housing specifically suitable for those with SEND.
3. The council's ability to support young adults with SEND into suitable accommodation (which includes encouraging housing developers to meet those needs) would be improved if data was passed more effectively from the Children's Services teams to Adults and Housing teams;
4. Although it is not possible to precisely predict and plan for the future accommodation needs of every individual with SEND, more general projections can be made and used to plan housing development. This could be achieved, for example, by calculating the total numbers of individuals in different bandings of need and, from this, the likely number of different types of accommodation required in the future.
5. The existing focus on 'person-centred' planning, where individuals' needs are emphasised, may have inhibited the emphasis on assessing the general picture of future accommodations needs for young people with SEND.
6. It is important to be realistic regarding our ability to create many different accommodation options for young adults with SEND across the county. The main hubs will need to be prioritised given their higher population and their greater access to other support services.

7. Having discussed what data would support more effective planning for future SEND housing needs, the following are put forward as suggestions:

- How many young people have secured accommodation over the last 3-5 years.
- Which area did they move to, e.g. Town/locality
- What type of accommodation did they move to;
 - Residential Care
 - Supported Living
- What type of property did they move into, e.g. was it adapted/shared/general needs/sleep in support

The following data about those who are currently children with SEND could be passed to the Adult services and New Homes teams in order to plan for future adult accommodation needs:

- Home town
- Town/area they need to live in
- Year they leave education
- Year they need housing (if different to point above)
- Type of property required (adapted or not)
- Would they require overnight care?
- As we are looking at the future and new build properties, it would be a good idea to start with 16year olds, working back to 14 year olds, year by year.

It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services considers the above, explores how it could be delivered and reports back to the Committee under the new Council.

Proposals

To endorse the recommendation outlined above.

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DfE Changes – Update January 2017 to February 2017

Study of early education and development (SEED)

1. The DfE has published a suite of studies looking at the effect of early education on children's outcomes, the quality of provision, and value for money of providing funded early years education to 2-year-olds from lower income families.
2. Reports recently added to the suite cover:
 - Cost and funding of early education - including the analysis of the cost structure for different ages of children, revenue sources including parental fees and funding levels, and costs and revenue sources for children with special educational needs and disability;
 - Experiences of the early years pupil premium - looking at the use of EYPP funding and its perceived effect on disadvantaged children;
 - Good practice in early education and Early years - looking at examples of good practice in curriculum planning, assessment and monitoring, staffing, managing transitions, and communication with parents and supporting home learning; and
 - Early Years: Meeting the needs of children with SEND - looking at how early years settings meet the needs of children with SEND, and how families experience provision for their child.
3. The full suite can be accessed [here](#)¹.

Staffing and employment: advice for schools

4. New advice for schools on managing staff and employment issues has been published. It replaces the statutory guidance from 2009, 'Guidance on managing staff in schools' which has been withdrawn. Governors and headteachers of maintained schools, and local authorities no longer need to have regard to this guidance. Employers in all schools are expected to make use of this new non-statutory guidance, and the sources of help it identifies, when carrying out staffing and employment duties.
5. The advice can be accessed [here](#)².

Academies Update

6. Number in Wiltshire at the end of February 2017:

Sponsored academies	17
Non-sponsored converter academies	62

7. New academies in this period:

West Ashton CofE VA Primary

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/study-of-early-education-and-development-seed>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staffing-and-employment-advice-for-schools>

Academy conversion grant for local authorities

8. The DfE have recognised that the academy conversion process has been increasing costs for local authorities and schools, with the start-up grant of £25,000 no longer enough to cover the conversion costs. Local authorities have been given the opportunity to apply for an academy conversion grant which is specifically for local authorities who need extra funding to help schools in their area convert to academies more quickly.
9. Regional schools commissioners (RSCs) will award this grant. When assessing the application, RSCs will consider: how many academies or free schools the LA expect to convert in the next 12 months; how much resource the local authority dedicates to academy conversion; how the LA plan on spending the grant money. They will prioritise applications that meet the assessment criteria. Successful awards will typically be between £35,000 and £65,000. Full details can be found [here](#)³.

Lenehan review into care of children with learning disabilities

10. Dame Christine Lenehan was asked by the Department of Health to take a strategic overview and recommend what practical action can be taken to co-ordinate care, support and treatment for children and young people with complex needs (and behaviour that challenges) involving mental health problems and learning disabilities and/or autism.
11. Her final report of the review has been published this week, and includes the below 11 recommendations for government departments and partners at a national level on how to improve the system:
 - Children's Rights:** children deserve to have their rights promoted, their voices heard and develop to their full potential
 - Residential Special Schools and Colleges:** a separate piece of work should be undertaken to look at the role of Residential Special Schools and Colleges for this group of children.
 - 18-25s in Inpatient Settings:** to undertake an urgent review to look at numbers, routes of admission and destinations to ensure this group of young people do not face a lifelong future in institutional care and we stop under-18s becoming the next Transforming Care cohort.
 - Model of Care:** to develop an effective model of care for these children and young people, particularly post-ATU (Assessment and Treatment Unit), so that other areas can see what can be achieved and rolled out.
 - Professional Responsibility:** to clarify the responsibility of medical and other professionals for children and young people with a mental health condition, autism, challenging behaviour and/or a learning disability, and develop national jointly owned guidance to ensure respective roles are widely and consistently understood.
 - Local Authority role:** to establish how the right level of commitment and support can be given to children and young people from their area that are placed in inpatient settings (due to their mental health, autism and/or a learning disability) outside their area.
 - Keyworker/Named Worker:** each child or young person in an inpatient setting or at risk of going into an inpatient setting (due to their mental health, autism and/or a learning disability) should have a keyworker/named worker either from health or local authority services, but in touch with both.

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-conversion-grant-for-local-authorities>

National and Local Coherence: The aim should be for integrated local assessments, plans, decision making and reviews, with local mechanisms for communication and information sharing between teams..

Local Implementation: support Transforming Care Partnerships in the implementation of the Service Model as it applies to children and young people, by drawing on supplementary guidance issued by NHS England and the pathway tools developed in partnership with NDTi and CBF.

Workforce: organisations should identify the staff skill gaps in respect of caring for children and young people with mental health conditions, autism, challenging behaviour and/or a learning disability and take action to address them.

Financial Incentives: that services (short breaks, intensive support services such as those in Ealing and Bradford) for children and young people with a mental health condition, autism and/or a learning disability, be trialled using Social Impact Bonds (SIBs) as there is the potential to transform services for this group of children and young people and to get the most effective use of the available funding.

12. The full report can be accessed [here](#)⁴.

SEND: 19 – 25 year olds entitlement to EHCPs

13. The DfE has published a new guide for local authorities on how to support 19- to 25-year-olds with special educational needs and disability (SEND):

- to find a supported internship
- to access further education
- to extend or finish their EHC plan
- who need more time to study
- with their health and social care

14. The full guidance can be found [here](#)⁵.

Statutory definition of child sexual exploitation

15. The outcome of the consultation 'Statutory definition of child sexual exploitation' has been released. The consultation ran between 12 February 2016 and 11 March 2016 and was seeking views on revising the current statutory definition of child sexual exploitation, with the aim of providing clarity so that all professionals use the same definition as they create joint risk assessments and work together.

16. The DfE have included the key changes that respondents suggested within the final revised definition:

Child sexual exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. It occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity (a) in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or (b) for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. The victim may have been sexually exploited even if the sexual activity appears consensual. Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology.

17. The consultation outcome, including a summary of the responses received and the government's plans following the consultation can be found [here](#)⁶.

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lenchan-review-into-care-of-children-with-learning-disabilities>

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-19-to-25-year-olds-entitlement-to-ehc-plans>

18. A supporting guide for practitioners, aimed at assisting local partners as they develop their risk assessment and local systems as part of a multi-agency approach to tackling child sexual exploitation, has also been released. The guidance details the definition of child sexual exploitation, potential vulnerabilities and indicators of abuse and appropriate action to take in response. It replaces the 2009 guidance 'Safeguarding children and young people from sexual exploitation' and can be found [here](#)⁷.
19. The 'Working together to safeguard children' statutory guidance has also been amended to include the new definition of child sexual exploitation. The updated guidance can be found [here](#)⁸.

Tackling child sexual exploitation: progress report

20. The government has published its *Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation: Progress Report* and announced a £40m package of measures to protect children and young people from sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking, and to crack down on offenders.
21. It includes:
- £7.5m for a new Centre of Expertise which aims to be the authoritative source of research and best practice on tackling child sexual abuse and exploitation, led by Barnardo's.
 - £20m for the National Crime Agency to tackle online child sexual exploitation.
 - An additional £7m for organisations helping victims of sexual abuse, including children.
 - £2.3m for the second phase of the successful Disrespect NoBody campaign, which raises young people's awareness of healthy relationships.
 - £2.2m from the Child Trafficking Protection Fund will help protect vulnerable children in the UK and overseas who are at risk of trafficking.
 - Independent Child Trafficking Advocates service launched in three early adopter sites across the country for which will provide specialist support to trafficked children.
22. The full Progress Report, detailing delivery of the programme of work set out in the 2015 *Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation Report*, can be accessed [here](#)⁹.

Special guardianship: statutory guidance update

23. The DfE has updated the statutory guidance on the special guardianship services local authorities need to provide in accordance with the Children Act 1989. The updated document includes more information on support for special guardians and can be found [here](#)¹⁰.

Adoption Support Fund 2017/18

24. The DfE has outlined the arrangements for the Adoption Support Fund 2017/18. The fair access limit of £5,000 will remain along with the principle of

⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/statutory-definition-of-child-sexual-exploitation>

⁷ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-sexual-exploitation-definition-and-guide-for-practitioners>

⁸ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

⁹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tackling-child-sexual-exploitation-progress-report>

¹⁰ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/special-guardianship-guidance>

matched fund support. In addition, where a child needs a specialist assessment before accessing therapy, DfE will offer a separate amount of up to £2,500 to fund the assessment. This will be in addition to the existing £5,000 fair access limit per child for therapy.

25. The full letter from Edward Timpson to DCSs can be found [here](#)¹¹.

Youth justice reforms

26. The Secretary of State for Justice has issued a written statement outlining the next stage of the government's youth justice reforms. These include:

- The appointment of Charlie Taylor as the new Chair of the Youth Justice Board
- The creation of a new Youth Custody Service as a distinct arm of HM Prison and Probation Service.
- The new Youth Custody Service will have its own workforce and distinct career pathways for those wanting to work with children and young people in the secure estate. A new Youth Justice Specialist Worker role will be created
- Responsibility and accountability for commissioning youth custody services will be brought into the Ministry of Justice.

27. The full written ministerial statement can be found [here](#)¹².

28. The MoJ also published the findings and recommendations of the Youth Custody Improvement Board. The Board was set up to explore and report on the current state of the youth custodial estate and recommend how the system could be improved, particularly focusing on any current risks to safety and well-being. The Independent report can be accessed [here](#)¹³.

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Largely taken from the DfE website content 18 January 2017 to 28 February 2017.

¹¹ <http://www.adoptionsupportfund.co.uk/Portals/0/ET%2025-01.pdf?ver=2017-02-03-121235-803>

¹² <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/youth-justice-update>

¹³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/youth-custody-improvement-board-findings-and-recommendations>

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Wiltshire Council

Children's Select Committee

14 March 2017

Review of the work of the Children's Select Committee

Purpose

1. To highlight 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.

Background

2. An opportunity for Overview and Scrutiny (OS) to look back on its activity during the outgoing council has become a standing fixture in its learning and improvement journey. This 'legacy process' complements other opportunities for reflection, such as OS Member training workshops, annual meetings with officers and executive members to discuss work priorities (as well as regular informal dialogue between the two) and the LGA Peer Review of OS undertaken in 2015.
3. The legacy process allows members to consider OS's successes and challenges during the past four years, including the key scrutiny reviews and their impact on the council's agreed priorities. With the benefit of this experience it can then submit suggestions for OS under the 2017-21 council to consider to maximise the impact of the work it will undertake.
4. OS Management Committee has agreed the following legacy process for the 2013-17 council:
 - a. **OS Legacy Workshop** (17 January 2017)
A learning and development event where executive and OS members undertook a high-level review of OS's successes and challenges this council. The outcomes from this will be reported to the Management Committee in March.
 - b. **Select Committee 'end of term' reports** (February / March)
The report below highlights successful past pieces of work by Children's Select Committee and provides the opportunity to recommend ongoing

pieces of work for possible inclusion in the OS work programme of the new council.

c. **OS Management Committee considers the OS Legacy report 2013-17** (14 March 2017)

An overarching report presenting the outcomes from the Legacy Workshop in January and each select committees' suggestions of priority topics under the next council. Management Committee will then agree a report for submission to the new council to be considered at Management Committee's first meeting (6 June 2017).

Key Activities and Achievements

5. The following is a list of some of the Children's Select Committee's key past activities and achievements which demonstrates the contribution it has made to decision-making, policy development and good governance of the Council:

Activity	Date	Brief Explanation	Outcome
Task Groups, Rapid Scrutiny Exercises and other ad hoc exercises			
Task Groups:			
Special Schools and Post-16 SEN Task Group	May 2011 – June 2013	Established to identify the strengths and weaknesses of current special school and post-16 SEN provision in Wiltshire and consider examples of best practice in special school and post-16 provision in Wiltshire and other authority areas.	<p>Made recommendations on how special schools and post-16 SEN provision can be developed to ensure improved outcomes for Wiltshire residents with SEN.</p> <p>Set services for children and young people with SEN/LDD as a priority for overview and scrutiny.</p>
Further Education in Salisbury Task Group	May 2012 – December 2013	The Task Group was reconvened 18 months following its initial report to undertake a detailed review of progress regarding post-16 education available in the Salisbury area.	Provided progress updates to all 12 original recommendations along with The Trafalgar School at Downton and the Local Authority's role.
Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group	May 2012 – January 2017	<p>Established in May 2012 to monitor and scrutinise implementation of the improvements to safeguarding arrangements required by Ofsted following its inspection of services.</p> <p>The Task Group was re-established to monitor the implementation of the Task Group's recommendations and to scrutinise the delivery of improvements.</p>	<p>Provided an initial final report in March 2013 produced 41 recommendations addressing: communications; children's social care workforce; locality working; and members and safeguarding.</p> <p>Monitored reports presenting the results of internal audits of child protection practice.</p> <p>Produced an interim report in July 2015 to provide recommendations to strengthen the improvement plan, and another interim report in</p>

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			<p>January 2016 to detail work undertaken and proposed work before the Task Group was disbanded.</p> <p>Submitted recommendations to increase the robustness of the safeguarding improvement plan.</p>
Schools and the Local Authority Task Group	January 2013 – January 2015	Established in response to government reforms to the education system and the changing relationship between local authorities and schools.	<p>Explored how the council can continue to promote excellence in schools as the local authority's role changes.</p> <p>Recommended a review of the services we should continue to offer to schools.</p>
Education for 16-19's Task Group	January 2014 – November 2014	Established to consider the Draft Wiltshire Education Employment and Skills Strategy, and examine the various options, prior to its consideration by Cabinet on 11 November 2014.	Provided 12 recommendations in a report provided as an appendix to the draft strategy for consideration by Cabinet.
SEND Task Group	January 2014 – January 2016	Examined the best ways to prepare young people with SEND for Adulthood. Topics included: education; employment; housing options; and developing inclusive communities.	Investigated how the council can help prepare young people with SEND for adulthood and create more inclusive communities.
Positive Leisure Time Activities for Young People Task Group	February 2014 – July 2016	Established to work in conjunction with a review of how the council meets its statutory duty to secure young people aged 13-19 access to sufficient positive leisure-time activities that improve their wellbeing, and sufficient facilities for such activities.	Contributed to a major review of how activities for young people will be delivered in the future.
Early Help Strategy Task Group	June 2014 – April 2015	CSC received the Early Help Strategy 2013-17 in draft, which set out the Council's proposals for Wiltshire's early help offer, including what it was doing, the desired improved outcomes for children	Investigated how CSC can efficiently and effectively monitor the delivery of the Early Help Strategy 2013-17

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		and young people and the priority objectives to achieve this. CSC established the task group in response to this.	Requested that update reports are presented to CSC at six month intervals with the ability to refer issues that required more in depth analysis to a task group or rapid scrutiny as appropriate.
Children's Centres Task Group	January 2015 – June 2015	Established to consider the re-commissioning process through which Wiltshire Council Children's Centre provision was commissioned via voluntary organisations.	Provided recommendations for both the Council and Children's Centres which aimed to help achieve maximum impact and value for money.
Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group	April 2015 – December 2016	The task group was established to focus on the Prevent strand of Wiltshire Council's Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) action plan's 'Prevent, Protect, Pursue' themes.	Extra CSE training sessions for Wiltshire councillors and monitoring of the council's CSE action plan. The task group produced recommendations on the council's CSE action plan including ensuring that the outcomes could be measured and monitored.
Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group (joint with Health Select)	June 2015 – March 2016	Undertake jointly with Health Select to explore and help develop the work already underway in Wiltshire communities to tackle obesity amongst children living in poverty and their families.	Explored the links between poverty and unhealthy eating amongst children
School Improvement Strategy Task Group	March 2016 – January 2017	CSC agreed the School Improvement Strategy as a work priority and established the task group to review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Wiltshire School Improvement Strategy.	Compared Wiltshire's School Improvement Strategy with those of other local authorities and made recommendations aimed to help ensure all pupils attend an excellent school and could achieve their full potential.

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Rapid Scrutiny Exercises:			
Overnight Short Breaks for Disabled Children and Young People	December 2013	CSC received a report summarising the joint review between the Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group on overnight short breaks for disabled Children and Young People in Wiltshire.	Considered the proposals under a joint review between the Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group on overnight short breaks for disabled Children and Young People in Wiltshire.
Children's Community Health Services Retender	January 2016	Children's community health services in Wiltshire were being retendered with a single provider of children's community health services, rather than by five organisations. A decision had been made by Cabinet on 13 October 2015 regarding the preferred provider.	The rapid scrutiny exercise produced recommendations on the new performance monitoring framework resulting from the retender of Wiltshire's children's community health services.
Select Committee agenda items			
School Places Strategy 2015-20	July 2015	Received the Wiltshire School Places Strategy 2015-2020 before it became a key framework document for the Council in considering any statutory proposals for changes to school organisation including the commissioning of new schools.	Encouraged comprehensive consultation of area boards when developing the Strategy.
Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY)	March 2016 onwards	As part of a commitment to closer working with young people the committee now receives update reports from their young people's representative	Created a closer working relationship between the CSC and Wiltshire's young people.
Early Help Dataset	May 2016 & January 2017	The Early Help Dataset helps us evidence the impact of Wiltshire's early help offer. CSC received copies of the dataset at the May 2016 and January 2017 meetings.	Gained assurance that the Early Help Dataset was a suitable mechanism for providing oversight and delivery of the Early Help Strategy, and that its recommendations had been acted upon.

Activity	Date	Brief Explanation	Outcome
Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations	Annual	Annual reports to CSC providing an overview of pupil performance at the end of each key stage and compares attainment in Wiltshire with national, south west and statistical neighbour performance.	Largely noting the performance figures. Have requested further information and a briefing on phonics.
Adoptions West	Regular updates	Regular updates on the progress of Wiltshire's collaboration with five other local authorities and the voluntary sector toward developing a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) which is currently known as Adoption West.	Assurance of progress made in the development of the RAA.

Ongoing work

6. The following is a list of activities and reviews which the Select Committee considers important to include as ongoing pieces of work in any new overview and scrutiny work programme. Every effort has been made to bring reviews to a conclusion in time for the end of the current Council but clearly some things remain ongoing due to the significance or long-term nature of the topic.

Activity	Date	Brief Explanation	Reason for Inclusion
Task Groups:			
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Task Group	TBC	Council and the Wiltshire CCG have recommissioned a new integrated service delivery model for primary and specialist CAMHS to meet the needs of children and young people.	Identified as a priority by CSC and WAY.
SEND Passenger Transport	TBC		Identified as a priority in discussions between chairman and executive member.
Academisation	TBC		

Activity	Date	Brief Explanation	Reason for Inclusion
Review of the Strategy and Support Programme for Disadvantaged Learners	TBC		Recommendation came out of the School Improvement Strategy Task Group's final report.
Select Committee items			
Pre-Meeting Information Briefings	Standing item prior to meetings	Information briefings held prior to meetings where the information is of use to members but no formal resolutions are needed. Possible future topics: PAUSE Initiative Child-Carers	To provide members with useful information-only briefings, and to agree possible future topics.
Activities of the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY)	Standing Item	Regular update reports from the WAY provided by the CSC Young People's representative.	To continue closer working with Wiltshire's young people.
Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations	Annual item	Provides an annual overview of pupil performance at the end of each key stage and compares Wiltshire's attainment with national, south west and statistical neighbours.	Committee requirement to receive these reports.
Early Help Dataset – Common Assessment Framework	TBC	The Early Help Dataset was created in September 2014. The dataset has continually evolved following ongoing review from the Early Intervention Sub Group and a formal review by the Early Help Task Group.	It was noted further work was needed to assess those indicators about children and young people with CAFs.
Exclusion Zones for Fast Food Outlets	TBC	Committee received a report on possible proliferation of fast food outlets (particularly near schools) through the planning process following reference to it in recommendation 12 of the Final Report of the Obesity and Child Poverty Risk Group.	Resolution following the item considered in December 2016

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Nursery Places – 30hours Free Entitlement for Working Parents	January 2018	Update to find out the impact of the increased childcare entitlement from September 2017.	Resolved at January 2017 meeting when considering Nursery Places report
Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel	Annual item	To continue receiving annual reports from the panel – with separate sections in the reports addressing Child Sexual Exploitation.	Committee requirement to receive these reports. Resolved at January 2017 meeting to receive separate sections on CSE.
Corporate Parenting Panel	Annual item	To continue receiving annual reports from the panel	Committee requirement to receive these reports.

7. In considering which areas to recommend for future work, the Committee is asked to be mindful that the Management Committee will need to leave space and capacity for those leading the function after the election to develop their own work programme based on issues resulting from public views expressed during the election period and following early engagement with any new Executive.

Next Steps

8. The Management Committee meets on 14 March 2017 and will receive the reports from the three select committees. It will also consider a similar report based on its activities primarily in the corporate arena. The members of the Management Committee will give their views on what should be included in a final legacy report which will be written by Scrutiny officers in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Following the elections this will then be made available to the new Management Committee, appointed by Council on 16 May 2017, at its first meeting scheduled for 6 June 2017.

Recommendations

9. To agree which topics to recommend to the Management Committee as requiring further work in the new Council, including reasons.
10. To note the next steps described in paragraph 8.

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Children's Select Committee – Current / Active Task Groups			
Task Group	Details of Task Group	Start Date	Final Report Expected
Safeguarding Children & Young People	Website	April 2014	January 2017
School Improvement Strategy 2015-17	Website	Feb 2016	January 2017
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	TBC	TBC	TBC

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Topic	Details	Date
Academisation	TBC	TBC
SEND Passenger Transport	TBC	TBC

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / Purpose of Report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
13 Jun 2017	Election of Chairman	To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.			
13 Jun 2017	Election of Vice-Chairman	To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.			
13 Jun 2017	Activities of the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY)	To receive an update on the activities of the WAY presented by James Wilkins, Children & Young People's representative.			Judy Edwards
13 Jun 2017	Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report	To consider the report before it is received by Council.	Terence Herbert	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lisa Pullin
13 Jun 2017	Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel Annual Report	To receive the report before Council	Terence Herbert	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lisa Pullin
13 Jun 2017	Post 16 Area Wide Review (Joint lead by Economy & Planning and Education)	<p><i>"To present the findings of the post 16 area review of education in Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Swindon."</i> Cabinet (4th April).</p> <p>Contacts: Ariane Crampton, James Fortune, Helen Clift</p>		Cllr Laura Mayes	