

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: The Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 31 October 2017
Time: 10.30 am

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Membership:

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| Cllr Mary Champion | Cllr Deborah Halik |
| Cllr Anna Cuthbert | Cllr Jon Hubbard |
| Cllr Andrew Davis | Cllr Chris Hurst |
| Cllr Christopher Devine | Cllr Jacqui Lay |
| Cllr Mary Douglas | Cllr Hayley Spencer |
| Cllr Sue Evans | Cllr Roy While |
| Cllr David Halik | |

Substitutes:

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| Cllr Pat Aves | Cllr Nick Fogg MBE |
| Cllr Clare Cape | Cllr Peter Fuller |
| Cllr Trevor Carbin | Cllr Russell Hawker |
| Cllr Ernie Clark | Cllr Jim Lynch |
| Cllr Stewart Dobson | Cllr James Sheppard |

Non-Elected Voting Members:

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| Ms Jill Hughes | Primary Parent Governor Representative |
| Dr Mike Thompson | Clifton Diocesan RC Representative |

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

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| Miss Tracy Cornelius | Primary Head Teacher Representative |
| Miss Sarah Busby | Secondary Head Teacher Representative |

Mr John Hawkins
James Wilkins
Mr Paul Daniel

School Teacher Representative
Children & Young People's Representative
Further Education Representative

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Agenda

PART I

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

1 **Apologies**

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 7 - 14)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th September 2017.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named on the front of the agenda for any further clarification.

Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution.

Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named on the front of this agenda no later than 5pm on **24th October** in order to be guaranteed of a written response. In order to receive a verbal response questions must be submitted no later than 5pm on **26th October**. Please contact the officer named on the front of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

6 **Activities of the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth (WAY)** *(Pages 15 - 16)*

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

7 **Anti-Bullying Update** (Pages 17 - 20)

As requested at the previous Children's Select Committee meeting, a report is attached to inform councillors about the ongoing support that the council provides for schools and young people during the year, with reference to the national anti-bullying campaign delivered by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) annually.

Members are asked to consider the work reported regarding anti-bullying and are invited to join the Big Conversation should they wish to.

8 **School Places Strategy 2017-2022** (Pages 21 - 198)

Attached for consideration is the Wiltshire School Places Strategy 2017-2022 and the updated implementation plan. The Strategy is scheduled to be considered by Cabinet on 12th December 2017.

The Wiltshire School Places Strategy 2017- 2022 replaces the 2015-2020 Strategy and will become a key framework document for the Council in considering any statutory proposals for changes to school organisation including the commissioning of new schools. It will also inform future capital investment priorities.

The Select Committee is asked to consider the latest Wiltshire School Places Strategy 2017- 2022 and its associated proposals set out in the Implementation Plan, and to provide any comments as appropriate.

9 **Post 16 Area Wide Review (Joint lead by Economy & Planning and Education)** (Pages 199 - 206)

The government has recently carried out a review of further education provision in Wiltshire as part of a national post-16 area review process. Wiltshire College was the only provider in Wiltshire to be included in the 2016-17 Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire review.

Included is a report to inform the committee of the findings and recommendations from the government review of local further education provision which was completed earlier in 2017.

Members are invited to comment on the report prior to Cabinet considering it at its meeting on 7 November 2017.

10 **Wiltshire Council Apprenticeship Growth Plan** (Pages 207 - 222)

Included in this agenda is a report which informs the committee about the delivery of apprenticeships in Wiltshire and seek comments on the Wiltshire Apprenticeship Action Plan.

A key objective of the Council's new business plan is to grow the skills of the local workforce to attract and retain high value businesses in Wiltshire. A specific goal of the business plan is to provide 'more apprentices and improve access to further and higher education'.

The Committee is asked to provide comments on the Wiltshire Apprenticeship Action Plan.

11 **Children's Service Integration Project** *(Pages 223 - 242)*

At the 14th March 2017 Children's Select Committee meeting, members were provided with an overview of the Children's Services Integration (CSI) Project. The Committee supported the proposals presented and subsequently requested this update following the completion of Phase 1.

The Support and Safeguarding Service was launched on the 2nd October 2017, marking the completion of Phase 1. The report included in this agenda provides the Children's Select Committee with an overview of the following:

- the progress of the Children's Services Integration Project
- how CSI will support the delivery of the Council's Business Plan
- financial implications

The committee is asked to note the Phase 1 changes and the timescales, and to 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

12 **Final Report of the Traded Services for Schools Rapid Scrutiny Exercise**

The committee is asked to consider the findings and recommendations of the rapid scrutiny exercise as detailed in their report.

This report will be circulated as a supplement to the agenda when available.

13 **DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education** *(Pages 243 - 248)*

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

14 **Task Group Updates** *(Pages 249 - 250)*

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

15 **Forward Work Programme** *(Pages 251 - 254)*

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.

16 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 19th December at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 10.30am.

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at 9.30am in the meeting room.

17 **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