

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: Committee Rooms A - C, Monkton Park, Chippenham
Date: Thursday 26 July 2012
Time: 10.30 am

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Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr Jon Hubbard
Cllr Peter Davis	Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mary Douglas	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Peggy Dow	Cllr Sheila Parker
Cllr Peter Fuller	Cllr Carole Soden (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Griffiths	

Substitutes:

Cllr Christopher Devine	Cllr John Knight
Cllr Nick Fogg	Cllr Helen Osborn
Cllr Mollie Groom	Cllr Jeff Osborn
Cllr Tom James MBE	Cllr William Roberts

Non-Elected Voting Members:

Rev Alice Kemp	Parent Governor Representative (SEN)
Mr Neil Owen	Parent Governor Representative (Secondary)
Mrs Rosheen Ryan	Parent Governor Representative (Primary)
Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Mrs Judith Finney	Primary School Headteacher Representative
Mr John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Kim Hunte	Further Education Representative
Kaylum House	Children & Young People's Representative

PART I

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

1 **Apologies**

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 1 - 12)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the Children's Select Committee meeting held on 31 May 2012.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of non pecuniary or pecuniary interests or dispensations granted by 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 above 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 above no later than **5pm on Thursday 19 July 2012**. Please contact the officer named on the first page 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 **Executive response to the Final Report of the Further Education in the Salisbury Area Task Group** *(Pages 13 - 20)*

A report presenting the response of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to the Final Report of the Further Education in the Salisbury Area Scrutiny Task Group (May 2012).

This Task Group was established in September 2010 to undertake a review of the post-16 education available in the Salisbury area. The Task Group's report was endorsed and referred to the Cabinet Member by the Children's Services Select Committee on 31 May.

The Committee is asked to note the Cabinet Member's responses and agree further action as appropriate. Recommendations 9 and 12 are directed toward Wiltshire College rather than the Cabinet Member and responses will be sought and reported to the Committee once received.

NB. In May 2012, the Committee agreed to reconvene the Task Group in May 2013 to consider progress and agree any further action required.

7 **Executive response to the Final Report of the Family Information Service rapid scrutiny exercise** *(Pages 21 - 28)*

A report presenting the response of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to the final report of the Family Information Service rapid scrutiny exercise. The exercise was held on 11 May and its report was endorsed by the Committee on 31 May.

The Children's Services Select Committee established the rapid scrutiny exercise on 29 March following receipt of a report on the a review of the Family Information Service (FIS) and Parent Partnership Service (PPS). It had been decided that significant changes to the FIS and PPS service specifications and contracts were required and proposed a number of changes that reduced the service specifications in the Council's contract with Ask and the level of funding to be provided. At the time of the Committee meeting on 29 March, a final decision had not been made as to the continuation of the this contract and the level of funding to be provided in the future. The Committee resolved to undertake a rapid scrutiny exercise to explore further the nature of any duplication in the provision of the Family Information Service and plans for how the service will be provided in future.

The Committee is asked to note the Cabinet Member's response and to agree any further action necessary

8 **Final Report of the Special Schools & Post-16 SEN Task Group**

A report presenting the Final Report of the Special Schools and Post-16 SEN Task Group for endorsement and referral to the Executive will be circulated.

The Task Group began its work in May 2011 and during the review met formally on five occasions, visited Wiltshire's six special schools and Studley Green Resource Base (or Specialist Learning Centre) in Trowbridge. It is chaired by Cllr Graham Payne.

The Task Group's recommendations focus on the following themes:

- Projecting and meeting future demand for SEN provision
- Healthcare in Wiltshire's special schools
- Capacities, facilities and accessibility at Wiltshire special schools
- Post-16 education for pupils with SEN
- Residential care for children with SLD in Wiltshire

The Committee is asked to endorse the report of the Task Group and refer it to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and other parties where appropriate for response.

9 **Interim report of the Safeguarding Children & Young People Task Group**
(Pages 29 - 32)

A report updating the Committee on the work of the Safeguarding Children & Young People Task Group since it was established on 29 March 2012. The Task Group is chaired Cllr Jon Hubbard.

The Committee is asked to note the update and comment as appropriate.

10 **The Role of Wiltshire Council in Informal Education** (Pages 33 - 66)

A report from the Service Director for Schools and Learning presenting the outcome of the consultation on adult education in Wiltshire. The consultation is now complete and the Committee is invited to consider the results, which will be presented to Cabinet in September 2012.

On 17 January 2012, Cabinet resolved that a review of the Council's informal adult learning provision be undertaken to ensure that it is appropriate to the needs of Wiltshire communities and the expectations of the Department of Business Innovation and Skill (DBIS). DBIS intended to pilot locally based "community learning trust" models to channel its future funding for adult education and to lead the planning of local provision. Cabinet also resolved to undertake a service-led consultation with service users, Area Boards, communities and partners on the development of a service to facilitate provision at a local level instead of the focus being on a fixed place of delivery.

The consultation has now taken place. The Committee is therefore asked to consider the four options for future delivery of informal adult education (presented in Appendix B) and the consultation responses received. The Committee may wish to submit comments or recommendations to Cabinet, who will consider this matter on 11 September.

11 **Update on the Academy Schools Programme** (Pages 67 - 80)

A report from the Service Director for Schools and Learning providing an update on the Academies Programme in Wiltshire. Appended to the report is the briefing paper 'Academy Types and Governance Models', which outlines the background to academies and free schools both nationally and locally and was

sent to all elected members on 25 May following a request from the Children's Services Select Committee.

The Committee are asked to consider the report and agree further action as appropriate.

12 **Coalition Changes update - May to July 2012** (Pages 81 - 88)

A report from Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, on developments relating to children's services arising from the Coalition Government.

The Committee are asked to consider the report and agree areas for further scrutiny as appropriate.

13 **Forward Work Programme** (Pages 89 - 92)

The Committee is asked to note draft Forward Work Programme attached.

14 **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

15 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 27 September 2012, starting at 10.30am at the Council's Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham.

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