

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: Council Chamber - Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham,
SN15 1ER
Date: Thursday 6 June 2013
Time: 10.30 am

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Membership:

Cllr Pat Aves	Cllr Jacqui Lay
Cllr Mary Champion	Cllr Helena McKeown
Cllr Mary Douglas	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Sue Evans	Cllr Helen Osborn
Cllr Jon Hubbard	Cllr Ricky Rogers
Cllr Chris Hurst	Cllr Philip Whalley
Cllr Simon Jacobs	

Substitutes:

Cllr Desna Allen	Cllr Russell Hawker
Cllr Nick Blakemore	Cllr David Jenkins
Cllr Terry Chivers	Cllr Jeff Osborn
Cllr Christine Crisp	Cllr Linda Packard
Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr Sheila Parker
Cllr Dennis Drewett	Cllr John Walsh

Non-Elected Voting Members:

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

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Mrs Di Dale	Further Education Representative
Mr John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Kaylum House	Children & Young People's Representative

PART I

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

1 **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.

2 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

To elect a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3 **Membership of the Select Committee**

To report that at its Annual Meeting on 14 May 2013, the Council appointed the following councillors to serve on this Committee for the ensuing year

<u>Conservative</u> (7)	<u>Lib. Dem.</u> (4)	<u>Labour</u> (1)	<u>Independent</u>
Cllr M Champion	Cllr P Aves	Cllr R Rogers	Cllr H Osborn
Cllr M Douglas	Cllr J Hubbard		
Cllr S Evans	Cllr C Hurst		
Cllr S Jacobs	Cllr H Mckeown		
Cllr J Lay			
Cllr B Moss			
Cllr P Whalley			

Substitutes

Cllr A Davis	Cllr D Allen	Cllr J Walsh	Cllr T Chivers
Cllr C Crisp	Cllr N Blakemore		Cllr D Drewitt
Cllr S Parker	Cllr D Jenkins		Cllr R Hawker
	Cllr L Packard		Cllr J Osborn

Council also appointed the following non-elected members to the Children's Select Committee:-

<u>Non-Elected Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Vacancy	Church of England
Dr M Thompson	Clifton Diocese Roman Catholic Church
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Secondary)
Mrs A Kemp	Parent Governor (Special Educational Needs)
Mr K Brough	Parent Governor (Primary)
<u>Non-Elected Non-Voting Members</u>	

(Up to Five)	School, Children and Young People representatives
Mrs D Dale	Further Education Representative
Vacancy	Secondary Schools Headteachers' Representative
Vacancy	Primary School Headteachers' Representative
Mr J Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Mr K House	Children & Young People's Representative

4 **Apologies**

5 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 1 - 8)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the Children's Select Committee meeting held on 28 March 2013. (Copy attached)

6 **Declarations of Interest**

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

7 **Chairman's Announcements**

8 **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 30 May 2013**. 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.

9 **Executive Response to the Final Report of the Safeguarding Children & Young People Task Group** (Pages 9 - 22)

A report from the Cabinet Member for Children's Services presenting the executive response to the Final Report of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group. The Task Group's report can be viewed [here](#) (link to Wiltshire Council website).

The Task Group was established following an Ofsted inspection of Safeguarding and LAC Services in Wiltshire, undertaken in March 2012. The Task Group's report was endorsed by Children's Select Committee on 28 March 2013 and the Committee agreed that the Task Group should continue, but with the following terms of reference:

1. To monitor the implementation of any recommendations made by the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group that are endorsed by the Children's Select Committee and accepted by the executive.
2. To scrutinise Wiltshire Council's delivery of improvements to safeguarding children and young people as set out in the Safeguarding and Adoptions Improvement Plan.
3. To receive a twice-annual report from the Council's Lead Member for Safeguarding Children and Young People providing details of their safeguarding activity.
4. To continue/conduct ongoing scrutiny of services for Looked After Children (LAC).
5. To work in collaboration with the Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel to clarify future joint-working arrangements [the establishment of which is proposed under Recommendation 35]

The Committee is asked to consider the executive response and comment or recommend further activity (by the Committee or by the Task Group) as appropriate.

10 **Final Report of the Special Schools & Post-16 SEN Task Group - part 2**

A report presenting the conclusions and recommendations of the Special Schools and Post-16 SEN Task Group for endorsement will be circulated.

The Task Group brought an initial final report with recommendations to Committee in July 2012 and the executive response to this was received in September 2012 (this is appended to the attached report). The Committee then asked the Task Group to undertake further work and it has subsequently met on three occasions and undertaken a number of other evidence gathering activities.

The Chairman of the Task Group, Cllr Graham Payne, will attend to present the report.

The Committee is asked to endorse the Task Group's report and refer the recommendations to the relevant executive bodies for response.

11 **Information Services Review** (Pages 23 - 26)

A report from the Joint Director for Commissioning and Performance is attached providing an update on the implementation and impact of the changes made to information services for families in Wiltshire from July 2012.

In March 2012 the Children's Services Select Committee established a rapid scrutiny exercise following receipt of a report on the a review of the Family Information Service (FIS) and Parent Partnership Service (PPS). The review had concluded that there was significant duplication around provision of information for parents and carers, particularly parents and carers of children with disabilities/special educational needs. It had been decided that significant changes to the FIS and PPS services were therefore required and proposed a number of changes. The Committee resolved to undertake a rapid scrutiny exercise to explore further the nature of any duplication in the service and plans for how it would be provided in future.

The Rapid Scrutiny Exercise took place in May 2012 and its report can be viewed [here](#) (link to Wiltshire Council website). Its findings were endorsed by Committee, part of which was to receive the outcomes of a 6-month review of the new service model scheduled for Spring 2013.

The Committee is asked to consider the report and comment as appropriate.

12 **Coalition Changes - Update March to May 2013** (Pages 27 - 30)

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

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

13 **Forward Work Programme** (Pages 31 - 42)

A report from the Senior Scrutiny Officer is attached reporting on:

- relevant topics on the overview and scrutiny forward work programme as agreed by the O&S Management Committee at its meeting on 25 May 2013;
- relevant topics suggested for future overview and scrutiny by attendees of the O&S Councillor Induction event held on 16 May 2013.
- the task group activity of the previous Children's Select Committee.

The report provides background information on the topics currently on the O&S forward work programme that relate to children and education and invites the Committee to make a number of decisions regarding future activity.

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 of the Select Committee will be held on Thursday 1 August 2013 at the Council's Offices at Monkton Park, Chippenham, starting at 10.30am.

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