

## AGENDA

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**Meeting:** Children's Select Committee  
**Place:** Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN  
**Date:** Tuesday 3 December 2013  
**Time:** 10.30 am

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### Pre-meeting information briefing

**There will be a briefing session starting at 9.30am, immediately before the meeting. Its focus will be on Early Intervention, prior to the Select Committee's consideration of the Early Help Strategy 2013-2016 during the meeting.**

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### **Membership:**

Cllr Pat Aves	Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mary Champion	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Mary Douglas	Cllr Helen Osborn
Cllr Sue Evans	Cllr Sheila Parker
Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chairman)	Cllr Ricky Rogers
Cllr Chris Hurst	Cllr Philip Whalley
Cllr Simon Jacobs	

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### **Substitutes:**

Cllr Desna Allen	Cllr Dennis Drewett
Cllr Chuck Berry	Cllr Russell Hawker
Cllr Nick Blakemore	Cllr David Jenkins
Cllr Terry Chivers	Cllr Dr Helena McKeown
Cllr Christine Crisp	Cllr Jeff Osborn
Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr John Walsh
Cllr Stewart Dobson	

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### **Non-Elected Voting Members:**

Mr Ken Brough	Parent Governor - Primary, Non-Elected Voting
Rev Alice Kemp	Parent Governor Representative (SEN)
Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

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**Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:**

Miss Sarah Busby

Mrs Di Dale

Mr John Hawkins

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Secondary Schools Headteacher Representative

Further Education Representative

School Teacher 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 1 - 8)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 October 2013. (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**

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 Tuesday 26 November 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.

6 **Early Help Strategy 2013-16** *(Pages 9 - 36)*

Julia Cramp, Associate Director, Quality Assurance, Commissioning, Performance, Schools & Early Years Effectiveness, will introduce and explain the Draft Early Help Strategy 2013-16 prepared by Wiltshire Children & Young People's Trust and Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board. The Strategy is out for consultation until 27 December

2013.

The Committee has agreed that Early Intervention is one of its work priorities for this Council and an information briefing for members will be provided prior to the meeting (9.30am in the meeting room).

7 **Further Education in the Salisbury Area Task Group - 18-month Review of Progress**

A report by from the Further Education in the Salisbury Area Task Group, which met on 14 November 2013, will be circulated. This will:

- report the outcomes of a progress review undertaken by the Further Education in the Salisbury Area Task Group 18 months after its final report was endorsed by Committee.
- present further recommendations from the Task Group, based on the latest position, for Committee endorsement and referral to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services for response.

8 **Rapid Scrutiny Exercise - Overnight Short Breaks for Children & Young People with SEND** (Pages 37 - 42)

On 1 October 2013 the Committee established a rapid scrutiny exercise to consider 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. This included a proposal to close the Hillcote short breaks unit in Salisbury.

The exercise took place on 7 November and several members also attended a public meeting about the proposals held in Salisbury on 6 November.

The report of the rapid scrutiny group (copy attached) was referred to the Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body, who will make the final decision on the proposals on 26 November. The group's recommendations were referred to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services who attends the CCG Governing Body but is not the decision maker.

The decision of the Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body will be reported at the meeting.

9 **Task Group Update/Forward Work Programme** (Pages 43 - 48)

A report by the Senior Scrutiny Officer providing an update on Task Group activity since the Committee's last meeting together with the Forward Work Programme is attached.

10 **Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001**

Current legislation requires the Committee to appoint its statutory, voting, co-opted parent governor representatives (PGRs) only from the governing bodies of schools maintained by the Local Authority. The [Parent Governor Representatives \(England\) Regulations 2001](#) state that,

*“...a person shall, unless disqualified under any enactment, be qualified to be elected as a parent governor representative in an election held by a local education authority if ...*

*a) he is a parent governor at a maintained school which is maintained by the local education authority;*

*b) he is the parent of a registered pupil who is educated at a maintained school which is maintained by the local education authority, or who is educated by the authority otherwise than at a school...”*

This legislation was passed before the academies programme, a time when significantly more schools were maintained. The small number of maintained secondary schools remaining in Wiltshire has made it difficult to find nominees for the Committee’s secondary PGR position, and so far two appointment processes have been unsuccessful.

The Chairman asks the Committee to endorse a proposal that, as Chairman of the Committee, he asks the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services to co-sign a joint letter to the Secretary of State requesting changes to the legislation in order to reflect the current situation across the country in terms of school designations.

11 **Coalition Changes - Update from Department for Education** (Pages 49 - 54)

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

12 **Urgent Items**

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

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next meeting of the Select Committee is due to be held on Tuesday 28 January 2014 at County Hall, Trowbridge, 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