

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 25 March 2014
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 **Child Sexual Exploitation**.

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	

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	

Non-Elected Voting Members:

Mr Ken Brough	Parent Governor Representative (Primary)
Rev Alice Kemp	Parent Governor Representative (SEN)
Mrs Lynne Swainston	Bristol Diocesan Church of England Representative
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
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 **Apologies**

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

To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 January 2014. (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 18 March 2014**. 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 **Apprenticeships in Wiltshire** *(Pages 9 - 24)*

A joint report by the Associate Director, Commissioning, Performance & School Effectiveness and the Associate Director, Economic Development & Planning is attached describing:

- What apprenticeships are
- The council's role in supporting young people and employers to provide/take up apprenticeships, including those with SEND
- The number of apprenticeships currently in place in Wiltshire
- Details of the council's own apprenticeships programme as an employer.

Haylea Asadi, Employment & Skills Manager, Economic Development & Planning will attend to answer members' questions.

In October 2013 the committee agreed that further education (including apprenticeships) should be one of its key work priorities. The Council's Business Plan 2013-17 contains the following aspirations:

"More employers offer a wider range of apprenticeships and on the job training and greater numbers of people take up these opportunities."

"We will create more high value jobs, apprenticeships and routes into highly skilled work – we will encourage a wider range of employers to provide higher apprenticeships and lead by example by increasing the number and range of apprenticeships offered by the council."

7 **Final Report of the Positive Leisure Activities for Young People Task Group**

A report presenting the conclusions and recommendations of Positive Leisure Activities for Young People Task Group will be circulated on 21 March 2014. This task group was established by the committee on 28 January 2014 and endorsed by the O&S Management Committee on 5 February 2014.

The Chairman of the Task Group, Cllr Jon Hubbard, will present the report.

If endorsed, this report will be referred to Cabinet who will take the final decision regarding the options at an extraordinary meeting on 15 May 2014.

8 **Executive Response: Further Education in the Salisbury Area - 18 Month Progress Review**

To present the response of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services (to follow) to a report of the Further Education in the Salisbury Area Task Group. The report was received by the Committee on 28 January 2014 and presented the results of a progress review undertaken by the Task Group 18 months after its final report was endorsed.

9 **Non-Maintained Schools and the Local Authority**

At the previous meeting some Members expressed concern about the level of Council involvement with non-maintained schools. A brief verbal report will be made at the meeting explaining that the Council's role and responsibilities with non-maintained schools is limited to safeguarding issues.

10 **Task Group Update** (Pages 25 - 30)

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

11 **Forward Work Programme** (Pages 31 - 32)

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

12 **Coalition Update - Changes from the Department for Education** (Pages 33 - 36)

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

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 June 2014 in the Kennet Room at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 10.30am.

14 **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