

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 3 June 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 **Troubled Families Project**.

Membership:

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

Substitutes:

Cllr Chuck Berry	Cllr Peter Edge
Cllr Trevor Carbin	Cllr Dr Helena McKeown
Cllr Terry Chivers	Cllr Jeff Osborn
Cllr Andrew Davis	Cllr James Sheppard
Cllr Stewart Dobson	Cllr Ian Thorn
Cllr Dennis Drewett	Cllr John Walsh

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 **Election of Chairman**

2 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

3 **Apologies**

4 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** *(Pages 1 - 6)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 April 2014.
(Copy attached)

5 **Declarations of Interest**

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

6 **Chairman's Announcements**

7 **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 27 May 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.

8 **Early Help Strategy 2014-17 and draft Early Help Improvement Plan** *(Pages 7 - 40)*

In December 2013 the Committee received the draft Early Help Strategy 2013-17, which was then out for consultation. The Strategy sets out the council's proposals for Wiltshire's early help offer, including what it currently does, the desired improved outcomes for children and young people and the priority objectives to achieve this. Having considered the draft Strategy in December 2013, the Committee:

1. Noted its contents;
2. Requested to receive the final Strategy and draft implementation plan;
3. Requested to receive progress reports immediately after the key impact indicators had been reviewed at six-monthly intervals;
4. Supported the 'invest to save' approach of Early Intervention as an effective use of Council money, particularly its focus on outcomes.

The Committee is now asked to consider the final version of the WSCB and Children's Trust joint Early Help Strategy 2014-2017 and the WSCB and Children's Trust draft joint Early Help Improvement Plan (summary version) – these are both attached. Members are asked to endorse the final Strategy and provide any initial comments on the draft Improvement Plan.

Members may also wish to consider what further contribution scrutiny could make in terms of developing the implementation plan further or considering how the delivery of the plan could be monitored by the Committee. The final implementation plan will be approved by the Children's Trust Board and the Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board in September 2014.

The Council's Business Plan 2013-17 emphasises the importance of focusing on prevention and early intervention; finding ways of predicting and reducing demand for services before it happens. In October 2013 Committee has also agreed that Early Intervention is one of its work priorities for this Council.

9 **Executive Response to the Final Report of the Positive Leisure Time Activities for Young People Task Group** *(Pages 41 - 116)*

To present the response of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services to the Final Report of the Positive Leisure Time Activities for Young People Task Group.

The task group's final report was endorsed with one amendment by the Committee on 29 April. It was then referred to Cabinet, who took the final decision on this matter at an extraordinary meeting on 15 May 2014. The report to Cabinet, which included the task group's final report as an appendix (5), is attached to the Cabinet Member's response herein.

Having considered the report from the Corporate Director (Children Services) and the Associate Director, Children's Social Care, on 15 May Cabinet resolved to:

- i) "Adopt the key principles for a new operating model as set out in the

report;

- ii) Authorise implementation of the community-led model for youth activities to increase the opportunities for young people's involvement and engagement;
- iii) Approve that the community-led operating model for youth activities maximises the amount of funding available to community area boards and local coordination;
- iv) Delegate authority to Councillor Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and senior officers to develop and implement the new operating model, taking account of i)-iii) above and the recommendations of the scrutiny task group."

The Committee is asked to note the decision of Cabinet, the Cabinet Member's response to the task group's final report and to comment as appropriate. Members may also wish to consider the what further role they may wish to play in regards to the agreed model's implementation.

10 **Task Group Update** *(Pages 117 - 124)*

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

11 **Coalition Changes - Update from Department for Education** *(Pages 125 - 130)*

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

12 **Forward Work Programme** *(Pages 131 - 132)*

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

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 August 2014, to be held 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