

AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 27 January 2015
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 **Schools and the Local Authority** and will cover:

- What role the LA now has in schools
 - What degree of influence the LA can exert and how it does so
 - What services the LA provides for schools
 - The governance arrangements of different school designations
 - The role of school governors and how they are supported to undertake it
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Membership:

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

Substitutes:

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

Non-Elected Voting Members:

Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocesan RC Representative
Rev Alice Kemp	Parent Governor Representative (SEN)
Mr Ken Brough	Parent Governor Representative (Primary)
Mrs Lynne Swainston	Bristol Diocesan Church of England Representative

Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Mr John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Miss Sarah Busby	Secondary Schools Headteacher Representative
Miss Tracy Cornelius	Primary Schools Headteacher Representative
Ms Amanda Burnside	Further Education 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 - 6)*

To approve and sign the minutes of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 9 December 2014

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

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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 **Final Report of the Schools and the Local Authority Task Group** *(Pages 7 - 20)*

A report is attached presenting the conclusions and recommendations of the Schools and the Local Authority Task Group for endorsement.

Cllr Phillip Whalley, Chairman of the task group, will provide a verbal introduction.

7 **Final Report of the Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Task Group** (Pages 21 - 46)

To present the conclusions and recommendations of the Schools and the Local Authority Task Group for endorsement.

Rev Alice Kemp, Chairman of the task group, will provide a verbal introduction.

8 **Report of the Early Help Strategy Task Group**

A report is attached presenting the findings of the Early Help Strategy Task Group.

The Task Group was initially asked to look at how the Children's Select Committee could measure the effectiveness of the Early Help Strategy and whether it is achieving its objectives. It brought a report presenting its recommendations back to Committee in October 2014.

In December 2014 the committee received a report presenting the Early Help Strategy Implementation Scorecard. The task group were asked to reconvene to consider whether this reflected the task group's initial recommendations regarding how the committee could measure the Strategy's effectiveness. The task group met to consider this on 19 January 2015 and its report will follow.

9 **Task Group Update** (Pages 47 - 56)

A report by the Senior Scrutiny Officer providing an update on Task Group Activity since the last meeting is attached.

10 **Forward Work Programme** (Pages 57 - 58)

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

11 **Coalition Changes - Update November 2014 to January 2015** (Pages 59 - 62)

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

12 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 March 2015, in the Kennet Room at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 10.30am.

13 **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