



AGENDA

Meeting: CHILDRENS' SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room 5
Date: 20 September 2006
Time: 10.30 am

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Briefing Arrangements for the Chairman and Vice Chairman

15th September at 10.30am (Scrutiny Office)

Councillors

Mr P Coleman (Vice Chairman)
Mr A Davis
Mr T Deane
Dr J English
Mrs M Groom
Mrs G Hill
Mr W Moss

Mr S Oldrieve
Mr R Rogers
Mrs P Rugg
Mr C Newbury
Mrs C Soden (Chairman)
Mr C Winchcombe

Non-Elected Voting

Ms R MacDonald: Parent Governor (Primary)
Mrs E Leonard: Parent Governor (Special Needs)
Ms J Miller: Parent Governor (Secondary)
Mr W Snow: Church of England Representative
Dr M Thompson: Catholic Diocese Representative

PART I

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

1. **Apologies**
2. **Chairman's Announcements**

2007/08 Budget – Joint Scrutiny Meeting

As agreed by the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee and endorsed by Cabinet, the main Overview & Scrutiny Committees are recommended to hold a joint meeting each year, in between Cabinet agreeing its draft budget proposals and Council considering those proposals.

A joint meeting has therefore been arranged to take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 6th February 2007 for all three of the Council's Scrutiny Committees to consider the draft budget proposals for 2007/08. This meeting will precede County Council which is scheduled to meet on the 13th February. Scrutiny members' comments and possible recommendations arising from the 6th February joint meeting will be presented to Council for its consideration on the 13th February as part of the 2007/08 budget setting process.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2006 (copy attached).
4. **Members' Interests** To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.
5. **Public Participation** The County Council welcomes contributions from members of the public and has agreed to set aside 15 minutes at the beginning of meetings for questions or statements. Members of the public wishing to ask a question or make a statement should give written notice (including details of any question or statement) to the officer named above **by 12.00 Noon on Friday 15th September 2006.**
6. **Member Requests** None.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7. Trowbridge Secondary Schools – Travel Planning (report enclosed)

Members are asked to consider an update on discussions held between Trowbridge ward members, Trowbridge Secondary School headteachers and council officers regarding travel planning issues affecting the three secondary schools.

8. Policy for Requesting Section 106 Contributions for Education Infrastructure (report enclosed)

The Committee is asked to comment on a proposed council policy for requesting infrastructure contributions from developers where there is a need for extra school places arising from housing developments.

9. Commissioning of Residential Services for Looked After Children and Young People in Wiltshire (report enclosed)

The Committee is asked to consider a progress report regarding the external commissioning of residential provision for Looked After Children & Young People in Wiltshire.

10. The Development of Children's Centres 2006 – 2008 (report enclosed)

The Committee is asked to consider and comment upon a progress report regarding the development of Children's Centres in Wiltshire.

11. Anti-Bullying Policies & Practices (report enclosed)

The Committee is asked to consider a report detailing the anti-bullying work of all children's services in Wiltshire, and to endorse the approach being taken.

12. Proposal to Extend the Membership of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (report enclosed)

Members are asked to agree a recommendation to Council asking that the membership of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee be extended to include up to 7 non-voting co-opted members, comprising a children and young people's representative and representatives from the school and children's charity sector.

13. Urgent Items

The Committee is asked to consider any other business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, would be considered to be a matter of urgency. Urgent items of a confidential nature may be considered in Part II of this agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

14. Admissions Appeals Annual Update Report

15. Complaints Officer's Annual Update Report

16. Executive Response to the School Catering Task Group Final Report

17. Holding the Executive to Public Account

- (i) The following items are so far listed in the Cabinet's latest rolling Forward Plan for October 2006 to December 2006 which relate to Children's Services:

St John's School, Marlborough – To seek permission to take up an increased loan (£0.650m) and to update Cabinet as to the risk and proposed repayment scheme (17th October 2006)

Almagamation of Wilton and Barford St Martin Primary Schools – To consider proposals for the amalgamation of Wilton and Barford St Martin Primary Schools (17th October 2006)

Future Provision of Children Homes – To consider proposals for the future provision of Children Homes in Wiltshire (21st November 2006)

- (ii) The minutes of Cabinet are available on the Council's website.

(NB. These are required to be published normally within 2 working days of the meeting. This Committee, through its Chairman or 3 Members of the Committee, has the power to call in (i.e. delay implementation) of a decision in exceptional circumstances should it have concerns. The Constitution sets out the procedure to be followed should this happen.

This Committee may also wish to review a decision of the Executive retrospectively, for example, to satisfy itself that the decision has been properly implemented or has achieved the aims that were intended.

Any Member of the Committee or any 5 Members of the Council can also request an item on the agenda of the Committee – using the appropriate form.)

Should Members wish to raise specific issues it would be helpful to have advance notice so that further information can be sought.

18. Work Programme

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