

AGENDA

Meeting: CHILDRENS' SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room 5
Date: 29 November 2006
Time: 10.30 am

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Briefing Arrangements for the Chairman and Vice Chairman 24th November at 10.00am (Scrutiny Office)

Elected Members

Mr P Batchelor	Mr W Moss
Mr P Coleman (Vice Chairman)	Mr S Oldrieve
Mr A Davis	Mr R Rogers
Mr T Deane	Mrs P Rugg
Dr J English	Mrs C Soden (Chairman)
Mrs M Groom	Mr C Winchcombe
Mrs G Hill	

Non-Elected Voting Members

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

Non-Elected Non Voting

Mrs C Williamson:	Primary School Headteachers Representative
Mrs J Goodall:	Secondary School Headteachers Representative
Mr J Hawkins:	School Teacher Representative
Vacancy:	Children & Young People's Representative
Vacancy:	Children Charity Sector Representative (Barnardos)
Vacancy:	Children Charity Sector Representative (National Children's Home)
Vacancy:	Children Charity Sector Representative (NSPCC)

PART I

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Chairman's Announcements**
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2006 (enclosed).
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 24th November 2006.**
6. **Member Requests** None.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7. **Annual Performance Assessment Letter on Children's Services (enclosed)**
The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the Ofsted and Commission for Social Care Inspection 2006 assessment of the performance of Wiltshire County Council Children's Services, which Cabinet will be asked to accept at its December meeting.
8. **Performance in Public Tests & Examinations (enclosed)**
The Committee is asked to consider and comment on a report on the performance of Wiltshire school pupils in 2006.
9. **Wiltshire Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Business Plan 2006-7 (enclosed)**
Members are invited to consider and comment on the Business Plan with a view to incorporating consideration of future annual Business Plans into the Committee's work programme.
10. **North Wiltshire Schools PPP / PFI Contract – Annual Performance Update (report to follow)**
To consider a report on the Annual Performance Update of the North Wiltshire Schools PPP / PFI Contract.

11. The Building Maintenance Backlog (enclosed)

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the current maintenance backlog position with regard to the school's estate.

12. The Wiltshire Strategy for 14–19 Education & Training (enclosed)

The Committee is invited to consider and comment on a progress report on the delivery of the Wiltshire Strategy for 14-19 Education & Training.

13. Special Educational Needs – Strategy Monitoring Board (enclosed)

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on an update report relating to the most recent meeting of the Special Educational Needs Strategy Monitoring Board.

14. Member Nomination to the Healthy Eating Alliance Sub Group of the Healthier Wiltshire Project Board

To appoint a member of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee to sit on the Healthy Eating Alliance Sub Group of the Healthier Wiltshire Project Board, as recommended by the School Catering Scrutiny Task Group:

".....that a non-executive member be appointed to the Healthy Eating Alliance sub group of the Healthier Wiltshire Project Board, to play a key role in helping to devise and implement the Wiltshire School Meals Strategy."

15. 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

16. The Closure of Burton Hill School, Malmesbury

17. Revenue Budget Monitoring 2006 - 2007

18. Holding the Executive to Public Account

- (i) The following items are so far listed in the Cabinet's latest rolling Forward Plan for December 2006 to March 2007 which relate to Children's Services:

Annual Performance Assessment Letter on Children's Services – To ask Cabinet to accept the Annual Performance Assessment letter on Children's Services (19th December 2006)

Children & Young People's Plan 2007 - 08 – To seek Cabinet and Council approval for the major priorities of the Children's Trust Board for 2007 – 08 that have been widely consulted on since autumn 2006 (27th February 2007)

Coordinated Scheme for Primary School Admissions – To approve a scheme of coordinated arrangements for the local authority to administer primary school admissions (27th February 2007)

Coordinated Scheme for Secondary School Admissions – To approve a scheme of coordinated arrangements for the local authority to administer secondary school admissions (27th February 2007)

Admissions Arrangements – To annually evaluate the current arrangements in relation to school admissions (27th February 2007)

- (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.

19. **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