

AGENDA

Meeting: CHILDRENS' SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room 5
Date: 8 March 2007
Time: 10.15 am

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Briefing Arrangements for the Chairman and Vice Chairman 28th February 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 29th November 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 Monday 5th March 2007.**
6. **Member Requests** None.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7. **Children's Services Annual Performance Assessment Action Plan (enclosed)**
The Committee is invited to consider and comment on the Department for Children & Education's Annual Performance Assessment 2006 Action Plan.
8. **Proposal to Develop an Academy in the South East of the County (enclosed)**
The Committee is asked to consider and comment upon a proposal, which will have been considered by Cabinet on the 27th February 2007, to develop an Academy to replace Castledown Secondary School at Ludgershall.
9. **The Closure of Burton Hill School, Malmesbury (enclosed)**
The Committee is asked to consider a report informing it of the actions taken to provide Wiltshire pupils attending Burton Hill School with appropriate and alternative education from September 2007.
10. **Progress Report Regarding The Commissioning of Residential Services for Looked After Children & Young People in Wiltshire (enclosed)**
The Committee is requested to note the current position, and to seek any clarification or actions they consider appropriate with respect to the external commissioning of a residential service for Looked After Children & Young People in Wiltshire.

11. Implementing Recommendations 2.2a and 3.1 of the Contracted Out Placements for Children & Young People Scrutiny Task Group (enclosed)

To consider a report from the Assistant Director, Children & Families regarding progress in implementing recommendations 2.2a and 3.1 of the Placements Task Group's final report, which relate to staffing structures and roles in the Children & Families Branch.

12. North Wiltshire Schools PFI Project Progress Report (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider an interim progress report on the North Wiltshire Schools PFI Project, which responds to a number of the comments made by this Committee when it last met in November 2006.

13. Trowbridge Secondary Schools Travel Planning (enclosed)

To receive a report on progress made in carrying forward recommendations agreed by this Committee on the 20th September 2006 regarding travel planning for secondary schools in Trowbridge.

14. The Education & Inspections Act 2006: Implication on School Passenger Transport (enclosed)

To receive an update on new measures to be introduced in the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and an explanation as to how these will impact on school/college transport provided by Wiltshire County Council.

15. Holding the Executive to Public Account

- (i) The following item is so far listed in the Cabinet's latest rolling Forward Plan for March 2007 to June 2007 which relate to Children's Services:

Wiltshire Youth Justice Plan 2007/08 – To recommend that Council approve this Plan (24th April 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.

16. Work Programme

17. 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.

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