

AGENDA

Meeting: CHILDRENS' SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room 3
Date: 25 July 2007
Time: 10.30 am

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Briefing Arrangements for the Chairman and Vice Chairman 19th July at 10.00am in the Scrutiny Office

Elected Members

Mr P Coleman (Vice Chairman)	Mr W Moss
Mr A Davis	Mr S Oldrieve
Mr T Deane	Mrs P Rugg
Dr J English	Mrs C Soden (Chairman)
Mrs M Groom	Mrs M White
Mrs E Hannaford-Dobson	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 Diocesan Representative
Dr M Thompson:	Roman Catholic Church Diocesan 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
Mr M Johnstone:	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 Thursday 10th May 2007 (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 20th July 2007.**
6. **Member Requests** Mr Oldrieve has submitted a Member Request Form asking the question:

“Are we under funding services which should be supporting children and families within our schools, focusing on those children with challenging behaviours?”

An initial briefing note on this question is included at agenda item 7 to assist members in considering whether or not this matter should feature as a work programme priority for the Committee.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7. **Response to Member Question Regarding the Funding of Services to Children & Families (enclosed)**
To consider an initial response from the Department for Children & Education to a Member Request submitted by Mr Oldrieve regarding the funding of services to children and families in Wiltshire. This consideration is with a view to members agreeing whether or not this matter should be ranked as a priority on the Committee's work programme for 2007/08.
8. **North Wiltshire Schools PPP / PFI Project – White Horse Education Partnership Annual Update Report (enclosed)**
To consider the Annual Report 2006 from the White Horse Education Partnership and to comment on service and contract developments associated with this PFI project.

9. Academy Task Group Interim Report (enclosed)

To consider an interim report from the Academy Task Group and in particular to endorse the Task Group's recommendation that the Cabinet Member for Education & Youth Development give attention to a number of urgent matters regarding the academy project.

10. Corporate Parenting Policy (enclosed)

To consider a Corporate Parenting draft policy document and to provide comment or observation which the Committee would wish the Corporate Parenting Group to take account of in finalising this draft document.

11. Annual Performance Assessment – Review of Children and Young People's Plan (enclosed)

To consider a review of the Children and Young People's Plan that has recently been submitted to Ofsted as part of preparations for the forthcoming Annual Performance Assessment.

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

To consider a 6 month update report detailing the considerations and activities of the Special Educational Needs Strategy Monitoring Board, since last reporting to the Committee in November 2006.

13. The Closure of Burton Hill School, Malmesbury (enclosed)

To consider a report on the actions taken, with the associated financial considerations, in order to provide Wiltshire pupils formerly attending Burton Hill School with appropriate education from September 2007.

14. Holding the Executive to Public Account

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

Charges for Post 16 Education Transport – To make a decision following consultation on proposals to increase the charges for transport for post 16 students attending schools and colleges under the Council's discretionary Post 16 Education Transport Policy (25th September 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.

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.

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