

AGENDA

Meeting: CHILDRENS' SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room V
Date: 22 May 2008
Time: 10.30 am

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Briefing Arrangements for the Chairman and Vice Chairman 22nd May at 9.30am in the Scrutiny Office

Elected Members

Mr E Clark	Mr W Moss
Mr P Coleman	Mr S Oldrieve
Mr A Davis	Mrs P Rugg
Mr T Deane	Mrs C Soden
Dr J English	Mrs M White
Mr P Fuller	Mr C Winchcombe
Mrs M Groom	

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
Mr J Colquhoun:	Secondary School Headteachers Representative
Mr J Hawkins:	School Teacher Representative
Mr C King:	Children & Young People's Representative

PART I

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

1. **Membership** The Committee is asked to note membership as set out above
2. **Election of Chairman** The Committee will be asked to nominate a Chairman
3. **Election of Vice-chairman** The Committee will be asked to nominate a Vice-Chairman
4. **Apologies**
5. **Chairman's Announcements**
6. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2008 (enclosed).
7. **Members' Interests** To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.
8. **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 19th May 2008.**
9. **Member Requests**
10. **Committee Representation on other Groups – Member Feedback**
The Chairman will invite feedback from members, nominated to represent the committee on other groups.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

11. **Initial Consideration of a Monitoring Officer's Report on a Finding of Maladministration Leading to Injustice (enclosed)**

Enclosed is a report which was considered by Cabinet on the 20th May, and to which the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this committee would like members to give some initial consideration today, with a view to giving more detailed consideration at a future meeting.

12. National Children's Plan (summary enclosed)

A presentation on the National Children's Plan will be delivered for members' consideration. Enclosed is a copy of the plan's summary for members to read in advance of the meeting.

13. The Wellington Academy Update Report (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider an update report on The Wellington Academy project.

14. A Strategy for Child And Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider the revised CAMHS Strategy.

15. Social And Emotional Aspects of Learning (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider a report on the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning programme, and are requested to endorse the approach taken in Wiltshire.

16. Commissioning Strategy for Looked After Children In Wiltshire 2008 - 2013(enclosed)

Members are invited to consider the revised placement commissioning strategy for looked after children and young people in Wiltshire.

17. Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2008/09 (enclosed)

Members are requested to consider a report on the committee's work programme for 2008/09, which has been revised in the light of priorities agreed at the Development Day in September 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 May 2008 to August 2008 which relate to Children's Services:

Youth Justice Plan 08/09 – To consider the Youth Justice Plan 08/09, with a view to recommending the Plan to Council on the 15th July 2008 (24th June 2008)

(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. 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