

AGENDA

Meeting: CHILDRENS' SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room V
Date: 24 July 2008
Time: 10.30 am

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Briefing Arrangements for the Chairman and Vice Chairman

24th July 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. **Apologies**
2. **Chairman's Announcements**
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd May 2008 (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 21st July 2008.**
6. **Member Requests**
7. **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

8. Initial Feedback from the Joint Area Review

The Director of the Department for Children & Education will provide members with some initial feedback from the Joint Area Review.

9. Annual Audit & Inspection Letter 2008 (enclosed)

The committee is asked to consider the comments included in this audit and inspection letter concerning services within the Department for Children & Education. In addition, members have been requested by cabinet to take the opportunity to raise related issues, as highlighted in the latest key performance and corporate plan update considered by cabinet last week:

- (a) 2007 education data shows some progress with achievement in KS2 continuing to rise and attainment at KS3 continues to be above national averages in all core subjects. However, progress in maths and science has not been as good as expected. At GCSE there is a 1% rise in 5A* - C.
- (b) the 'looked after children - leaving care' GCSE results have not been met, with only 5.88% achieving grade A-C (against a target of 10%).

10. Wiltshire & Swindon Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) (enclosed)

Members requested this report back in September 2007, in connection with the annual Local Safeguarding Children's Board Business Plan. Members are now invited to discuss the arrangements detailed in this report for this council's involvement in MAPPA through the children and families branch of the Department for Children & Education.

11. Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan Update (enclosed)

Members are requested to consider this update report.

12. Transitions: The Move to Adulthood for Young People Receiving Care from their Local Authority (enclosed)

Members are invited to give initial consideration to the matter of transition processes provided for young people moving from children to adult social services, and undertaking the wider transition to adulthood. This is to establish whether or not a report from the Department for Children & Education is needed for members discuss formally the transition processes operating in this council.

13. 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 11th November 2008 (23rd September 2008)

Urchfont Developments at Urchfont Manor College – To seek cabinet approval for the development of a purpose built conference and training centre at Urchfont Manor College (23rd September 2008)

Access and Transport to 14-19 Education in Wiltshire – To approve a strategy and administrative framework for providing transport and access to the new 14 – 19 curriculum entitlements (23rd September 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.

14. 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