

AGENDA

Meeting: CHILDRENS' SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room V
Date: 11 September 2008
Time: 10.30 am

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Briefing Arrangements for the Chairman and Vice Chairman

9th September at 10.00am 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 J Finney :	Primary School Headteachers Representative
Mr G Macmahon:	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 24th July 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 8th September 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. **North Wiltshire Schools PPP / PFI Project: White Horse Education Partnership – Annual Report (enclosed)**

Members are invited to consider the annual report of the White Horse Education Partnership regarding the North Wiltshire Schools PFI / PPP Project.

9. **Update on Implementation of the Strategic Objectives of the School Food Strategy (enclosed)**

Members are invited to consider an annual report on the School Food Strategy.

The Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee is scheduled to consider the Sodexo Annual Service Review (07/08) on the 4th September, and any comments arising from that meeting concerning the council's school meals' contract with Sodexo will be updated at the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee on the 11th. For those members who are not already in receipt of the Sodexo Annual Service Review, a copy is attached for your further information.

10. Report on Improvements in Social Care & Educational Provision (enclosed)

Following initial consideration of an ombudsman report on a finding of maladministration in May 2007, members are invited to further discuss the improvements that have been made in social care and educational provision in response to that report.

11. Wiltshire Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Business Plan (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider a report on the Annual Business Plan of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB).

12. Holding the Executive to Public Account

- (i) The following items are so far listed in the Cabinet's latest rolling Forward Plan for October 2008 to January 2009 which relate to Children's Services:

Joint Area Review Inspection Report – To consider the outcome of the JAR Inspection (25th November 2008)

The Education & Inspections Act 2006 – Impact on Passenger Transport – To consider a report on the Education & Inspections Act 2006 and its impact on Passenger Transport (20th January 2009)

Domestic Violence Strategy – To consider a report on the Domestic Violence Strategy (20th January 2009)

The Wellington Academy – To consider an update report on The Wellington Academy project (20th January 2009)

- (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.

13. 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