

AGENDA

Meeting: CHILDRENS' SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Place: County Hall, Trowbridge
Committee Room: Committee Room V
Date: 29 January 2009
Time: **9.30 am** - Please note amended start time

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Briefing Arrangements for the Chairman and Vice Chairman 26th January 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)
Vacancy:	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**

A booklet of reports by the Chief Financial Officer on the **Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2009-10** will be circulated to all members of the five authorities early in the week commencing 19 January.

The Implementation Executive will consider the reports on 28 January and will be asked at its meeting on 11 February to make a recommendation to the County Council on the proposals within the budget booklet.

The Joint Overview & Scrutiny Transition Board (JOSTB) will be hosting a special meeting on 17 February 2009 for all non-executive members of the five authorities to consider the 2009-10 budget recommendations of the Implementation Executive.

NB. Members are kindly requested to retain their copy of the budget booklet and to bring it to all meetings at which the budget will be considered.

O&S Arrangements in the New Council

The JOSTB approved proposals for consultation on the Overview & Scrutiny Arrangements in the new Council in December, and these have since been sent to the members of all five councils, Chief Executives, Corporate and Service Directors for comments by 2 February.

The Implementation Executive considered the proposals at its meeting on 13 January and gave support in principle to the proposals, subject to the outcome of the consultation and the decision of the new Council.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13th November 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 26th January 2009.**
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. Joint Area Review of Children's Services 2008 (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider the findings from the Joint Area Review (JAR) which was carried out in 2008 on all children's services in Wiltshire. The Director of the Department for Children & Education will deliver a presentation to assist members in their consideration of this report.

9. Wiltshire Youth Development Service Inspection 2008 (enclosed)

At the same time as the Joint Area Review, an enhanced inspection of the Youth Development Service was also carried out in 2008, and members are invited to discuss the findings from this inspection. The Head of the Youth Development Service will attend the meeting with a number of young people to assist members in their consideration of this report.

10. Annual Performance Assessment 2008 (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider the findings from the Annual Performance Assessment which was carried out in addition to the JAR and the Youth Development Service inspections in 2008.

11. Summary of Haringey Council's Joint Area Review and Outline Implications for Wiltshire (enclosed)

The Chairman of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee has asked for this report to be put to members for consideration, bearing in mind the significance of child protection issues arising from the Haringey Council – Baby B case for all local authorities.

12. The Academies' Programme (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider an update report on the progress made regarding The Wellington Academy project. This report also provides information regarding two further academy proposals being explored in Wiltshire – one on the Laverstock site in Salisbury and one relating to Salisbury High School.

This report includes reference to item 18, which on the day of publishing this agenda is listed as a confidential item. This report details the design and build aspect of The Wellington Academy project, which, subject to confirmation with the preferred bidder, may be discussed as a non-confidential item on the 29th January.

13. The Development of Sure Start Children's Centres in Wiltshire (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider an update report on the development of Children's Centres in Wiltshire, and to give particular attention to phase 3 of this development project.

14. The Education & Inspections Act 2006: Extended Provisions for Free School Transport for Lower Income Families – Update on the Impact Following Implementation (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider this update report.

15. Holding the Executive to Public Account

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

Admission Arrangements – To determine the admission arrangements for all schools in Wiltshire (26th February 2009 – Implementation Executive (IE))

The Wellington Academy – Progress report on The Wellington Academy Project (26th February 2009 – IE)

Building Schools for the Future – To consider a report on the outcome of the submission of an Expression of Interest for the Building Schools for the Future (secondary) programme to commence earlier than 2016 (11th March 2009 - IE)

- (ii) The minutes of all meetings relating to the Cabinet and the IE 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. 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.

17. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider passing the following resolution:

To agree that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Item Number 18 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

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

Members are reminded that Part II reports contain confidential information and should be treated accordingly. They should not be disclosed or passed to any other person(s). Members are also reminded of the need to dispose of such reports carefully and are urged to return them to the committee secretary at the end of the meeting for disposal.

18. The Wellington Academy – Evaluation of Bids Received and Selection of Preferred Bidder