AGENDA

Meeting: Children's Select Committee
Place: The Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 31 January 2017
Time: 2.00 pm

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PART I

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

1 Apologies

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 16)
   To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6\textsuperscript{th} December 2016.

3 Declarations of Interest
   To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4 Chairman's Announcements

5 Public Participation

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

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Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council’s website.
6 Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations 2016 (Pages 17 - 38)

The report provides an overview of pupil performance at the end of each key stage and compares attainment in Wiltshire with national, south west and statistical neighbour performance.

Information regarding the performance of vulnerable learners at KS4 has not yet been published at time of writing and provisional figures are included that are subject to validation and therefore may change.

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the data in the report provided.

7 Nursery Places (Pages 39 - 54)

The Council has a statutory duty to assess levels of demand and facilitate the development of childcare provision (the Childcare Sufficiency duty).

As requested in the outcomes from the Chair/Vice Chair/ Executive discussions agreed at the 19th July Children’s Select meeting a report is provided on nursery places. The report highlights what the demand for childcare is in Wiltshire provides information on the sufficiency of places in different parts of the County.

The Committee is asked to note and provide comments on the report.

8 Early Help Dataset (Pages 55 - 70)

The Early Help Dataset (created in September 2014) has continually evolved following ongoing review from the Early Intervention Sub Group and a formal review by the Early Help Task Group.

The Children’s Select Committee previously endorsed the findings of the Early Help Task Group at its meeting on May 2016 regarding the Early Help Dataset.

Following the Committee’s resolutions, Officers have been asked to present the Dataset again as part of the reviewing cycle. As such the latest version of the dataset is circulated for comment.

9 Final Report of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group

The Task Group was originally established following a multi-agency Ofsted inspection of Wiltshire, undertaken in March 2012. The inspection identified significant failings in the contribution made by local agencies in Wiltshire to ensuring that children and young people were properly safeguarded.

A report, containing 41 recommendations was presented to the Children’s Select Committee on 28 March 2013 (link to the agenda) with an executive response given on 6 June 2013 (link to the agenda).
Recommendation 32 of the March 2013 report was that the Children’s Select Committee re-establish the Safeguarding Children and Young People Task Group with new terms of reference. In June 2013 the Committee re-established this Task Group and agreed it should continue working for at least 18 months.

In January 2016 the Committee endorsed an Interim Report from the Task Group, presenting the outcomes of the work undertaken. In doing so the Committee endorsed a number of areas of future work for the task group following which it would be disbanded.

The final report of the task group will be published as a supplement to this agenda. The committee will be asked to endorse the recommendations in the report and refer them to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services for executive response.

Final Report of the School Improvement Strategy Task Group

At the 14 October 2014 Children’s Select Committee meeting it was agreed to include the School Improvement Strategy as a work priority. It was also agreed to receive a pre-meeting information briefing on the School Improvement Strategy in spring 2015, and to establish a task group to look at the impact of the Strategy in summer 2015.

It was resolved by the Children’s Select Committee on 14 April 2015 to establish a task group to consider the effectiveness of the School Improvement Strategy in its first year, including a comparison with approaches in other local authority areas.

The final report of the task group will be published as a supplement to this agenda. The committee will be asked to endorse the recommendations in the report and refer them to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services for executive response.

Executive Response to the Final Report of the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group

The Child Sexual Exploitation task group presented their final report at the 6th December 2016 meeting of this committee. The committee resolved to endorse the recommendations in the report and send to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services for executive response, to be provided at this meeting.

The executive response to the report will be included as a supplement to this agenda for endorsement by the committee.

DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education (Pages 71 - 78)

A report by Carolyn Godfrey, Corporate Director, is attached presenting an update on developments relating to children’s services arising from the
Department for Education.

13 **Forward Work Programme (Pages 79 - 80)**

The Committee is asked to note the attached document showing the relevant items from the overview and scrutiny forward work programme plus relevant items on the current Cabinet work programme.

14 **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 28 March 2017 at County Hall, Trowbridge, starting at 10.30am.

15 **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

**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