

# **AGENDA**

Meeting: Children's Select Committee

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Cllr Antonio Piazza
Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Mike Sankey
Cllr Helen Belcher
Cllr Mary Champion
Cllr Caroline Thomas

Cllr Carole King Cllr Jo Trigg

Cllr Kathryn MacDermid Cllr Mark Verbinnen

Cllr Kelvin Nash

#### Substitutes:

Cllr Trevor Carbin Cllr Jack Oatley

Cllr Daniel Cave Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney

Cllr Adrian Foster Cllr Martin Smith Cllr Johnny Kidney Cllr Iain Wallis

#### **Non-Elected Voting Members:**

Dr Mike Thompson Clifton Diocesan RC Representative

# Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Nikki Barnett Further Education Representative

Ms Sarah Busby Secondary Head Teacher Representative

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Substitute

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# Pre-meeting information briefing

The information briefing will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September starting at **11.00am**, on Microsoft Teams.

<u>Topic:</u> Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership

# All members and substitutes of the Children's Select Committee are welcome to attend.

#### **PART I**

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

#### 1 Apologies

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

#### 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 16)

To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 July 2021.

#### 3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

# 4 Chairman's Announcements

To receive any announcements through the Chairman, including:

• Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Funding, Cabinet, 21 July 2021.

#### 5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

#### Statements

Members of the public who wish to submit a statement in relation to an item on this agenda should submit this electronically to the officer named on this agenda no later than 5pm Friday 3 September 2021.

#### Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution.

Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named on the front of this agenda no later than 5pm on 31 August 2021 in order to be guaranteed of a written response. In order to receive a verbal response questions must be submitted no later than 5pm on Thursday 2 September 2021.

Please contact the officer named on the front of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

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; they will be taken as read at the meeting.

#### 6 Regular updates

Updates on information valuable for the committee, but unlikely to require a decision.

Members of the committee are therefore invited to indicate in advance of the meeting if they would like further information or have questions on these regular updates, so that relevant officers can be invited to attend the meeting.

# 6a **Update from Wiltshire Youth Voice** (Pages 17 - 20)

An update including a summary of recent activities of the Wiltshire Youth Union (WYU) and Children in Care Council (CiCC).

# 6b School Ofsted Judgements (Pages 21 - 26)

An update including information regarding the most recent Ofsted Inspection reports, presenting an ongoing view of the effectiveness of schools as seen by Ofsted Inspection.

# 6c **DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education** (Pages 27 - 28)

An update on developments relating to children's services arising from the Department for Education.

#### 7 Getting to outstanding (Ofsted)

To review the council's plans, and work to date, to achieve Outstanding (Ofsted), including its self-assessment processes, ensuring that the voice of the child is embedded in Children's Services' work, and best practice identified (from authorities having achieved Outstanding for example). (*Report to follow*)

#### 8 Wiltshire Council Draft Business Plan 2021-31

On 19 October 2021, Full Council will discuss the adoption of a new 10-year Business Plan for Wiltshire Council. This will follow its consideration by Cabinet on 27 September 2021.

The Business Plan sets the council's overarching strategy and its purpose is to enable Chief Officers to lead and manage the organisation to achieve the priorities and objectives set by elected members. In September, each select committee will be invited to comment on Business Plan priorities relevant to their remits, with comments being referred to Cabinet to consider at its meeting on 27 September 2021.

The final Business Plan will be an influential document when OS is developing its forward work programme, with experience showing that OS is most impactful when it focuses on the council's key priorities. Alongside select committee engagement on the Business Plan, the chairs and vice-chairs will be meeting with their Executive counterparts and directors during September to gain a more informed understanding of plans and projects and to discuss how OS can engage most constructively. These two processes should lead to a well-developed OS forward work programme that reflects the key priorities of the council.

#### 9 Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership

To receive information from the Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnerhip on its key achievements for the past year and priorities for the year ahead.

# 10 Traded Services Team Structure and Governance Arrangements (Pages 29 - 34)

To consider a proposed reporting timetable on Traded Services to the Children's Select Committee, covering the trading period, operational team structure and satisfying the governance for the service following the South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) recommendations.

#### 11 Task Group and Board Representative Updates

The committee will receive updates from active Task Groups and the committee's board representatives.

#### 12 Forward Work Programme (Pages 35 - 52)

The Committee is asked to note the attached documents showing the relevant items from the overview and scrutiny forward work programme and the latest version of the strategy list for the Children, Education and Skills directorate.

#### 13 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next scheduled meeting is due to be held on Thursday 4 November, starting at 10.30am.

#### 14 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



#### **Children's Select Committee**

# MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN'S SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2021 AT ONLINE MEETING - MICROSOFT TEAMS.

#### **Present:**

Dr Mike Thompson, Nikki Barnett, Sarah Busby, John Hawkins, Catriona Williamson, Cllr Helen Belcher, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Jon Hubbard (Chairman), Cllr Carole King, Cllr Jacqui Lay (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Jo Trigg and Cllr Mark Verbinnen

### Also Present:

Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dominic Muns and Cllr Suzanne Wickham

#### 16 **Apologies**

No apologies were received for absence.

#### 17 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2021 were presented for consideration, and it was,

#### Resolved:

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June subject to an amendment to Section 5 correcting the spelling of Cllr Kathryn MacDermid's name, as well as a review of the attendance.

#### 18 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 19 **Chairman's Announcements**

As Louise Lewis, Head of School Effectiveness, was due to present her final Ofsted update at the meeting, the Chairman took the opportunity to thank her for her hard work during her time reporting to the Committee.

The Chairman also referred the Committee to two agenda items set for the forthcoming Cabinet meeting on 13 July. Cabinet was set to consider an additional £0.903M part year investment in 2021-22, rising to a total £1.580M in 2022-23, allowing increased capacity within SEND and Inclusion Services.

There was expected to be an update on the progress made with the Silverwood School Build Programme.

Cllr Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, was present and confirmed that, rather than being held on 13 July, the item relating to Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Funding was now due to be debated at a special meeting of Cabinet on 21 July.

### 20 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

# 21 Regular updates

The Chairman announced a new approach to the way that the Committee would receive regular updates, so that going forward they would be included under a single agenda item. It was emphasised that, although the updates do not often require decisions by the Committee, members were still invited to indicate ahead of the meetings whether they had specific questions or would like to receive further information. Unless there was a specific question raised in advance of the meetings there would be no expectation that a presenting officer would attend. However, the Chairman was keen to stress that there would be opportunities for questions to be asked at meetings and if answers could not be given at that time they would be circulated after the meeting and included within the minutes.

#### 21a Update from Wiltshire Youth Voice Representative

The Operational Lead for Child and Youth Voice was in attendance to provide a summary of recent activities of the Wiltshire Youth Union (WYU) and Children in Care Council (CiCC). She reported the recruitment of two new Expert by Experience Youth Consultants as part of a drive to assist the council with participation and to make services more inclusive for young people. The work of the new consultants included developing a greater awareness of different cultural needs and launching a new podcast called Fostering Positivity. She explained that the recruitment of more consultants was a priority given the continuing need to expand participation.

It was noted that CiCC meetings were now taking place face-to-face. One of the recent meetings involved an inspection of Aspire House, the council's emergency registered children's home. The home's manager was extremely pleased with the feedback and noted that lots of the observations would have been things that would have been missed by adults. The CiCC were also organising networking opportunities, including a trip to an activity centre to allow children to get together and share their experiences.

The officer explained that a priority for July and August was a mental health consultation comprising two key pieces of work. The first, undertaken by the Child and Youth Voice Team in collaboration with researchers from Bristol University, focused exclusively on Children in Care. The second was a

questionnaire, designed in partnership with young people, which was available to all young people in Wiltshire. It was noted that the findings of both pieces of work would be delivered during a Meet the Leader session in July. Going forward there were plans to give particular attention of the mental health needs of young carers.

The Chairman lost internet connection during the virtual presentation, at around 2:50pm, so the Vice-Chairman welcomed the report and invited questions from participants. During the discussion questions were raised about whether the Child and Youth Voice Team were working with the Child Friendly Trowbridge Team, a group working alongside Trowbridge Future and the Families and Children's Transformation (FACT) Programme. The officer explained that she was not aware of that team but was happy to provide assistance.

#### 21b School Ofsted Judgements

The Head of School Effectiveness gave a brief overview of the Ofsted scoring system, explaining that a grade one was outstanding, two was good, three requires improvement and four meant that a school was inadequate or in special measures.

She reported that there had been 11 inspections since 4 May, all bar one of which had been Section 8 inspections. All of the Section 8 inspections had found that the schools were taking effective action. She also welcomed the results of the other, Section 5, inspection, which found that the school inspected was judged to be good.

The officer then provided an overview of the trends identified in the report. Key strengths included a good attitude and prioritised curriculum, with a focus on reading and phonics. An area of focus going forward was an evaluation of the impact of the curriculum on standards.

The Vice-Chairman reiterated the Chairman's earlier comments thanking Louise Lewis for her work in keeping the Committee updated.

#### 21c DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education

Lucy Townsend, Corporate Director of People, referred the Committee to the information included in the agenda pack and took the opportunity to provide further detail about funding specifically allocated to Wiltshire. It was reported that:

- £1,348,000 had been allocated to improve school buildings.
- £127,000 to allow Virtual School Heads to support Children Looked-After and care leavers.
- £72,000 towards wellbeing for education recovery.
- Additional funding was to go directly to schools for the expansion of tutoring, although the overall figure for Wiltshire was still being calculated.

It was also noted that environment education packs had now been distributed to all of Wiltshire's schools.

During the discussion questions were submitted in relation to the impact of the government's plan to improve opportunity through the development of Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs). Officers noted that, due to a lack of legislation, the focus of the council was on creating good schools but that conversations had been underway with schools about the implications of the government's strategy. The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills advocated a measured approach and reiterated that the council was available to support and guide, but not direct schools.

Further questions were received in relation to whether the £127,000 would fully fund the Virtual School Head Support programme. Officers noted that the council already funds Virtual Heads and decisions about how best to use the additional funding would be taken at a later date. They explained that they would be happy to bring and update about the funding to a future meeting.

#### 22 **Supporting Families**

The Vice-Chairman invited the Committee to consider a report presenting the work undertaken to meet the outcomes of the Supporting Families (previously Troubled Families) Programme.

Lucy-Anne Bryant, Commissioning Programme Lead, provided a brief outline of the history of the programme noting that it arose as part of effort to streamline support to better coordinate the response to three indicators: unemployment, criminal behaviour, and poor school attendance. Over time the programme widened the original three criteria to six. She noted that the programme had been very successful, meaning that additional funding was granted to extend it in 2020-21. Funding had also been made available to extend the programme for a further year and the council was working with over 2000 families that meet the criteria. She then added that Wiltshire has a payment by results target to successfully support 347 families through to 2022.

Head of Commissioning for Families and Children Gary Binstead, noted that successful outcomes have been achieved for over 2,800 families throughout the life of the programme, referring the Committee to the table in Part 8 of the report, which showed outcomes by different indicators. It was noted that the programme would bring in over £876,000 were the council to meet its target for this year including over £250,000 payment by results funding.

During the course of the discussion the following points were made:

• Queries were raised about the figures included in the table in Section 7 of the report. Officers noted that they were only part way through the year. They also explained that families assisted by the programme met between two and six indicators each, which was why there were a larger number of indicators in the table in Section 8.

- Officers reported that the Wiltshire figures compared favourably to national figures. However, members sought reassurance about the sustainability of the programme, enquiring about what was being done to monitor outcomes for families over a longer time period. Officers clarified that their figures were checked by the South West Audit Partnership and that spot checks were carried out by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), which included the feedback provided over a longer timeframe. Where negative outcomes were delivered reviews had been undertaken in collaboration with partner services, such as the police, to consider what could have been done earlier to achieve a different outcome.
- It was explained that employment officers had returned for only two days per week as they were employed by the Department for Work and Pensions, who were not able to make them available full time due to their own requirements.
- In response to questions about the funding of the programme, it was noted that attachment fees of £1,000 were allocated every time a family joined the programme. However, due to Covid-19, attachment fees had now been replaced by service transformation funding.
- Given the success of the programme it was asked whether it could be extended to help a larger number of families. Officers noted that they were currently working with over 2000 families but that they were only able to claim funding for 347, as that was the figure allocated by the government. Although they were only able to claim for 347 families, they were able to achieve success for a far greater number and that service transformation funding was in place to ensure that the needs of the additional families were being met.
- Members raised concerns about families slipping through the net if they failed to meet the minimum of two indicators or did not engage with the programme. It was explained that participation was a matter of parental choice but that families would still receive services from the Support and Safeguarding Service.
- Officers offered to provide a further update to the Committee at a future meeting.

Around 3:25pm the Chairman re-joined the virtual meeting when he was able to restore his internet connection.

#### Resolved:

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) For a further report to be presented to the Standing Task Group after Wiltshire Council provides next year's progress to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

#### 23 **Evaluation of the Youth Consultant role**

The Head of Commissioning for Families and Children explained that in 2019 Wiltshire Council commissioned Community First to employ seven youth consultants. During this pilot project the consultants supported a range of services commissioned by the council and spoke to different groups of young people, including in schools and youth centres, about their experiences. The officer felt that this was particularly beneficial, as feedback provided by the

consultants had helped to develop the council's services. He identified changes to the council's SEND strategy and issues at youth clubs as examples of where feedback had led to improvements.

During the course of the discussion the following points were made:

- Members praised the report as a big step forward and welcomed the use of youth consultants given the valuable nature of the work that was being done. However, they felt that the report would benefit from more tangible examples of where feedback had led to specific improvements.
- Concern was raised that members did not have regular enough contact with young people and that ways to increase this should be considered when thinking about the future of the programme. Officers took the comments onboard but stressed the need for them to be guided by the wishes of young people when arranging meetings. They stated that they would undertake further discussions with young people to see if they would like further meetings in addition to the Meet the Leader Sessions.
- Members also expressed reservations about whether the consultation focussed too heavily on children that the council was working with directly, such as those with specific requirements, and therefore risked losing connection with a wider cross section of young people. Officers agreed about the importance of reaching out to all young people and that they needed to do more to evidence how they were engaging with them. They pointed to the Youth Union and Youth Parliament as forums available to all young people.

#### Resolved:

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) For the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to meet with the executive in order to consider ways of maximising engagement with a wider cohort of young people.

#### 24 Adoption West Joint Scrutiny Panel - annual report

The Chairman introduced the report and noted that the Committee considered the draft annual report at its 2 March 2021 meeting and agreed to receive the finalised report after the May 2021 elections.

During the discussion questions were raised about what Adoption West was doing to address the shortfall in the number of adopters of older children. A board member of Adoption West noted that, although the shortfall was smaller than the national average, a revision to the recruitment strategy was due to be presented to the board in September.

Given the number of relatively new members of the Committee, the Adoption West board member then went on to provide a brief overview of the regional Adoption Agency, explaining that Wiltshire worked with five other local authorities, as well as voluntary groups, to deliver an adoption service. The longer-term goal was to place nine out of 10 Wiltshire children locally.

The Chairman noted that he was also currently serving as the Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel for Adoption West and that, if he were to be re-elected at their next meeting on 14 July, a second Wiltshire member would be required to replace the outgoing member, Cllr Suzanne Wickham. The Chairman encouraged any member interested in joining the panel to contact the Senior Scrutiny Officer, or himself, to discuss the role.

Cllr Caroline Thomas had to leave the meeting during the discussion at around 4pm.

#### Resolved:

To note the contents of the report.

# 25 **Forward Work Programme**

The Chairman invited members to make suggestions about what they believed should be on the Forward Work Programme.

Building upon the discussion of areas of good practice at the previous meeting, the Chairman outlined changes to the Committee's working model aimed at improving efficiency and ensuring that each agenda item was given sufficient time to allow for proper scrutiny. It was suggested that a standing working group should be set up to consider the regular reports that are presented to the Committee. The report summary would then be presented to the full Committee in order to reduce the need for lengthy discussion and allow more time to scrutinise other important items.

During the discussion members welcomed the idea of a working group and stated that they would appreciate more information about the dates of when reports were expected to be published. Greater clarity was also sought about the composition of the Working Group. The Chairman explained that as some reports did not always get published at the same time each year but that it was important to keep track to ensure that they were not missed. He stated that there would be roughly between three and five standing members of the Working Group and that the agendas for the Working Group's meetings would be circulated to all members. He also stressed that all members would be welcome to attend meetings of the Working Group and examine the full reports. Questions could also be submitted in advance by all committee members for the Working Group to explore.

The conversation then turned towards the Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report. The Senior Scrutiny Officer reported that it would not be possible for the full Committee to consider the final report before it went to Full Council. The Chairman suggested that a draft form of the report came to the Committee at their next meeting on 7 September. Feedback could then be passed on to the Corporate Parenting Panel for consideration ahead of them signing off their final report. As the Committee would not them meet again before the final report was presented to Full Council, he suggested that he and the Vice-Chairman, or the Working Group, if it had been set up, could review the final report ahead of Full

Council. During the discussion no objections were raised to the process outlined by the Chairman.

#### Resolved:

- 1) To establish a standing task group to consider the regular reports that are presented to the Committee.
- 2) For a summary of the findings of the task group to be brought to the full Committee.
- 3) For the agendas of the task group's meetings to be circulated to all members to allow them the opportunity to attend their meetings.
- 4) For the Committee to consider the Draft Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report so that their recommendations could be presented to the Corporate Parenting Panel ahead of their meeting on 28 September 2021.
- 5) To delegate authority to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, or the Standing Task Group, if it had been set up, to scrutinise the final Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report before it was presented to Full Council on 19 October 2021.

#### 26 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 7 September 2021. The Chairman also noted proposed changes to the times and dates of future meetings in November and January.

# 27 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 2.35 - 4.20 pm)

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7 September 2021



# Child and Youth Voice Children Select Committee Update

#### Wiltshire Youth Union - Mental Health Consultation

- The Child and Youth Voice Team successfully engaged with young people from across Wiltshire to find out about their experiences of receiving mental health support. The findings were put into a report and presented to key leaders at the council.
- 2. The leaders have pledged to explore the issues raised and make improvements such as introducing more interim support whilst young people are on a mental health service waiting list. Full reports available if required.

# **Young Carers Consultation**

- 3. The next area that the Child and Youth Voice Team is looking at is support for young carers. The team has spent 6 days having conversations with Young Carers over the summer school holidays finding out what is important to them and gathering feedback on services which they receive.
- 4. Young carers have also completed a survey and the team aims to engage with schools regarding young carers support in September. A report and recommendations will be published in October.

#### **Youth Council**

- 5. The Child and Youth Voice Team is aiming to expand youth democracy in Wiltshire. This will be achieved by supporting secondary schools to hold elections for a new Wiltshire Youth Council in February 2022.
- 6. Each school will be eligible to elect one Youth Councillor and one Deputy Youth Councillor and these students will represent their school and their schools catchment area on Wiltshire's Youth Council for a period of two years.
- 7. Youth Councillors will also get the opportunity to be part of a Shadow Youth Cabinet and stand in an internal election to become one of three Members of Youth Parliament

#### **Other Community Connections**

8. Staff from the team have been to events in the community for young people that may be considered more vulnerable this was to gain their views and build relationships. These groups include Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children and members from Wiltshire's LGBTQ+ communities.

# Children Social Care - Children in Care Council (CICC)

- 9. In July we hosted a virtual health and wellbeing festival for our CiCC members, they took part in a mindfulness exercise that helped developed skills such as self-regulation. There was also a professional athlete who shared how exercise and poetry helps her to stay healthy.
- 10. Our CiCC members also enjoyed a trip to Longleat Safari as a reward for their contributions over the past 6 months.
- 11. To recruit new CiCC members we will be taking 18 children in care on a weekend residential to PGL Liddington in September. The 18 participants all met in the summer holidays at a BBQ event held at Aspire House, here they were introduced to staff members and told about the CiCC. We hope that if we regularly see this group of young people, they will be more willing to support the youth voice work.
- 12. The CiCC annual report has been written and is available to those wanting to see it.
- 13. The team is planning to take CiCC members on a 'walkabout' to the 2 Children in Care Teams. The Children in Care Teams will be asked to share anonymous storyboards outlining work they have done with service users and present some different communication tools that they use to the CiCC members. This exercise will be done in a Dragon's Den format, giving the CiCC members a chance to scrutinise practice.

#### Star Awards and Fashion Show

- 14. The Child and Youth Voice Team has started to plan the Star Awards, with the aim of hosting them in the February 2022 half term holidays. Other teams from across Children's Social Care will also be involved in planning the event to celebrate the achievements of children in care.
- 15. At the event we will also be putting on a fashion show with children in care with the support from one of Wiltshire's amazing foster carers who also runs a charity that takes care of 550 children in Kenya. The children in Kenya will also be putting on a sister event and we hope to stream footage of that event at the star awards.
- 16. Putting on an event like this, not only is rewarding for all of those taking part. It promotes self-esteem foremost, but also allows us to bring awareness

to Fostering and its importance, the Tumaini Children's Charity, and allowing us to celebrate the children through the awards and through recognition.

#### **Advice and Guidance**

- 17. The team has offered advice and guidance on other initiatives in Children Social Care including -
  - Providing advice on the Care Leaver App and Care Leavers Local Offer
  - Reviewing Child Protection Conference Paperwork
  - Delivering Language Workshops with the Principle Social Worker
  - Continue to deliver Mind of My own Training and offer advice and support to users
  - Support with fostering panel ensuring that the views of those that have lived experience of being in care have a say on who becomes a carer
  - Give advice to the BME staff network on how they can support looked after young people to reconnect to their heritage

#### **Activities Planned for Next Period**

- 18. The Child and Youth Voice Team are planning to expand on the learning offer to young people that are involved in voice work. The team will be inviting young people to a half day workshop that will help them to develop skills such as public speaking, active listening, impromptu speaking and how to cover a story. The team is also linking up with the BBC who will be delivering a careers talk to children in care and care leavers.
- 19. The team will be working with other teams and a group of children in care to put on the Star Awards and the fashion show, meeting regularly to plan the event.
- 20. The team will be planning a Christmas get together/ event for CICC members and CPP members
- 21. The team will be supporting schools enabling them to be ready for the Youth Council Elections.
- 22. The team will be part of the conversation with the National Implementation Advisor for Care Leavers Mark Riddell MBE
- 23. The Team will be supporting a Care Leaver Youth Consultant to start a new podcast called Fostering Positivity, this will also be promoted through the Comms Team.
- 24. The team will be finalising the Young Carers Consultation and identifying the next youth consultation subject.

Author: Joe Sutton, Child and Youth Voice Lead Worker



#### **Children's Select Committee**

07 September 2021

# **School Ofsted Judgements**

# **Executive summary**

- 1. This report is a regular update for the committee focused upon Ofsted inspections in Wiltshire schools since the previous meeting. It reports on inspection judgements made under the education inspection framework that was introduced in September 2019. It makes judgements as below:
  - Overall effectiveness
  - Quality of education
  - Behaviour and attitudes
  - Personal development
  - · Effectiveness of leadership and management
  - Safeguarding is effective?
  - Early years provision
  - Sixth form provision

#### **Update**

2. Following the June report there have been 4 inspections, only one of which has been published. Details of this inspection are in the table below.

School name (web address to access Ofsted report below)	Status	Date of inspection	OE (previous)	Quality of education	Behaviour & attitudes	Personal development	Leadership & management	Early years provision	Sixth form provision
Marden Vale C of E Academy Ofsted   Marden Vale CofE Academy	Academy	10/06/21	3 (4)	3	3	3	3	3	n/a

3. It is pleasing that this school has improved since the last full inspection where the school was placed in special measures in June 2018. The inspection recognised the work of school leaders to bring about necessary improvements.

Current Ofsted percentage position for Wiltshire - 26 August 2021

Published Ofsted outcomes by pupil places age August 2021 – from

#### internal data

Table 1 - Source: Internal information

By pupil places	Prim	ary	Secon	dary	Special		All	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Outstanding	4358	11.3	6843	22.9		0	13533	19.8
Good	27339	71.0	19399	65.0	496	50	41530	60.8
Requires	5791	15.0	3569	12.0	270		10820	15.8
Improvement						25		
Inadequate	951	2.5	23	0.1		0	1805	2.6
Not yet inspected (U)	86	0.2			337	25	636	0.9
Outstanding or	31697	82.3	26242	88.0	418	50	55063	80.6
Good						(66.7)		(80.9)
(previous)								
All	38525	100.0	29834	100.0	627	100.0	68324	100

# Published Ofsted outcomes by schools - 26 August 2021 – from external data

Table 2 - Source: Ofsted Management <u>State funded school inspections and outcomes: management information - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

By schools	Prin	nary	Secor	ndary	Special		All	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Outstanding	18	12.4	5	17	0	0	23	10
Good	142	66.7	19	66	2	50	163	71
Requires								
Improvement	31	13.9	5	17	1	25	37	16
Inadequate	8	5.5	0	0	0	0	8	3
Not yet inspected (U)	3	1.5	0	0	1	25	4	1.5
Outstanding or	159	79.6	24	80.0	2	50	186	
Good		(79.1)		(80.0)		(66.7)		79.1%
(previous)								(78.9)
All	201	100.0	29	100.0	4	100.0	235	100.0

# Change in Ofsted category from previous inspection to latest inspection 26 August 2021 – from internal data

Table 3 - Source: Internal information

	Schools				
	Number	%			
Up	52	21.8			
Same	131	55.0			
Down	41	17.2			
blank	0	0.0			
No previous grade	14	5.9			
Same or up	183	76.9			
All	238	100.0			

4. The tables above reflect the current picture for Wiltshire schools and has remained broadly unchanged since the pausing of Ofsted inspections in March 2020 with the advent of the

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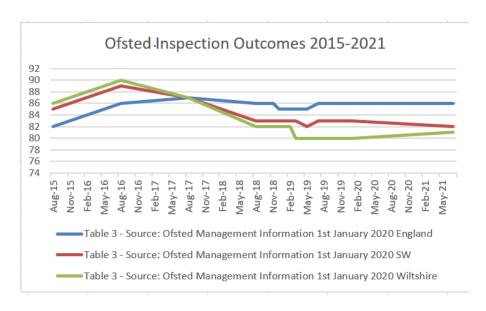
pandemic. During this time schools have worked tirelessly and admirably to keep children safe and meet the many and changing requirements from DfE guidance in response to the pandemic. They have done this whilst also providing an education for all pupils whether they are able to attend school or are self-isolating. Alongside this, they have continued to focus on school improvement.

# Ofsted Inspection Outcomes Overtime - National, South West Region and Wiltshire

Table 4: Source: Ofsted Management <u>State funded school inspections and outcomes:</u> management information - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Table 4 - Source: Ofsted Management						
Information 1st January 2020 Good and						
outstanding						
schools	England	SW	Wiltshire			
(ALL) (%)						
Jul-21	86	82	81			
Jan-20	86	83	80			
Oct-19	86	83	80			
Jul-19	86	83	80			
May-19	85	82	80			
Mar-19	85	83	80			
Feb-19	85	83	82			
Jan-19	85	83	82			
Dec-18	85	83	82			
Nov-18	86	83	82			
Oct-18	86	83	82			
Sep-18	86	83	82			
Aug-18	86	83	82			
Aug-17	87	87	87			
Aug-16	86	89	90			
Aug-15	82	85	86			

The overall Ofsted picture for schools in Wiltshire continues to sit 5% below the national figure of 86% of schools being good or better. The percentage of good plus schools has dropped by 1% across the South West with a slight upturn for Wiltshire of 1% since January 2020, bringing Wiltshire 1% below regional LAs. This picture remains an unfavourable one for Wiltshire and one we remain focused upon addressing through all our work.



5. The school effectiveness team, along with many other LA services have continued to provide in-school and virtual support and challenge. School improvement advisors have continued their visits to all maintained schools focusing on leadership and management,

use of pupil premium and standards. Schools have welcomed this support although Covid measures have prevented many School Improvement Advisers (SIAs) being able to observe lessons and fully evaluate the work of the school. Support for vulnerable schools, has continued with leaders receiving heightened support and challenge as outlined in the school improvement framework.

# **Autumn term inspections from September 2021:**

6. Ofsted inspections resume the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 with a newly updated <u>inspection handbook</u>. The autumn term will be a mix of inspections of schools with all grades. Outstanding schools will be included but will not be the only ones to be inspected. Due to Covid, there is some lag in the usual timelines for inspection:

#### Good schools

Have to be inspected every 5 years. Typically, they are inspected at end of year 4 with a section 8 inspection, if the school is good but declining it has about a year to work on the areas before a full section 5 inspection takes place, inside the 5-year limit. There is a temporary extension of up to 7 years instead of 5. Ofsted is hoping to catch up so there is no guarantee that schools will have the whole extra 6 'old' terms.

# **Outstanding schools**

 The exemption to re-inspection has been lifted and these schools will be included in the routine inspections from September. If the school was judged outstanding before 1.9.15 then it will have a full section 5 inspection. If it was judged outstanding after 1.9.15 it will have a section 8 inspection. If it is thought to not still be outstanding it will be followed with a section 5 inspection 12 years later.

# **Requires Improvement schools**

Normally inspected 27 months after the report was published. As above, schools can
expect the inspection to be up to 6 terms/2 years later than the expected date.

#### New academy with new URN

 Normally inspected up to 3 years after opening. Now, can expect the inspection to be up to 6 terms later than the expected date. Heavy emphasis on timescales being up to 6 months later but could be earlier.

#### **Transition statements**

 These were sentences in the good judgement which said that if the curriculum was being developed but not quite there, it wouldn't prevent a good grade, if schools could demonstrate that the process of curriculum development was well underway. This period of transition has been extended until March 22.

#### Conclusion

- 7. In conclusion, as we return to the usual Ofsted inspection regime, we continue to have a key focus on supporting schools to raise standards and to be able to predict potential decline in standards and then act to support improvement.
- 8. The impact of Covid over the last 18 months on leaders, their ability to fully focus on school improvement, the absence of statutory assessment information, our ability to be able to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the school during this time and the potential risk that this could present for early detection of decline in performance is a risk we are aware of also for those receiving Ofsted inspections in coming months. Section 8 inspections over the past 6

months have been rigorous and positive in their outcomes, however we are not complacent that there will be schools who will benefit from intensive support to secure a good quality of education.

9. The school improvement framework 2021-22 is based on working collaboratively with school leaders to assess a school's current performance and to plan best use of SIA time to help rapidly address areas for development. We also have a thorough and targeted suite of CPD and support packages focused particularly on reading, phonics, disadvantaged learners and curriculum which will support schools with focusing upon key areas of development which have been impacted by the pandemic.

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**Children's Select Committee** 

7 September 2021

# DfE Changes - Updates July 2021 to August 2021

### £10 million scheme to help pupils boost core skills

1. Pupils in participating schools are set to benefit from more support in maths and English, as part of a £10 million scheme announced Friday 09 July.

Specialist training and materials will be provided to support focused sessions to boost numeracy and literacy skills and help pupils catch-up in these core subjects. Schools with high proportions of children from disadvantaged backgrounds will be prioritised for the schemes to support those most impacted by the disruption to education. Full details can be found here: Link

# Cash boost to create new flexible approach to apprenticeships

- Sectors including the creative, agriculture and construction industries can now <u>bid for a share of a £7 million fund</u> to support the creation of new flexible apprenticeships, unlocking more opportunities for people to develop the skills they need to get good jobs.
- 3. The fund will establish a small number of agencies that will set up new flexijob apprenticeships so an apprentice can work across a range of projects and with different employers to gain the knowledge, skills, and behaviours they need to be occupationally competent. Full details can be found here: <u>Link</u>

# **Education and Skills Funding Agency review to ensure continued effectiveness**

- 4. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) is to be reviewed as part of a wider programme across Government to ensure it remains effective into the future. The review is part of a programme of reviews of public organisations known as arm's length bodies.
- 5. It will be led by an Independent Lead Reviewer, Sir David Bell, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sunderland. It will consider the ESFA's operating model, governance, accountability model and impact. Full details can be found here: Link

#### All schools to receive carbon dioxide monitors

- 6. Education settings will be provided with carbon dioxide monitors from September, backed by £25 million in government funding. CO2 monitors will be provided to all state-funded education settings from September, so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved.
- 7. The majority of c. 300,000 monitors will become available over the autumn term, with special schools and alternative provision prioritised to receive their full allocation from September given their higher-than-average numbers of vulnerable pupils. Full details can be found here: <u>Link</u>.

#### Schools COVID-19 operational guidance

8. This guidance explains the actions school leaders should take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in their school, as the government continues to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. This includes public health advice, endorsed by Public Health England (PHE). Full details can be found here: <a href="Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)">Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>

# Agenda Item 10

#### Wiltshire Council

#### Children's Select Committee

#### 7 September 2021

**Subject:** Traded Services Team Structure and Governance

**Arrangements** 

Director: Helean Hughes, Director, Education and Skills

# **Executive Summary**

To propose a reporting timetable to be presented to the Children's Select Committee which will provide a Schools Traded Services report on an annual basis in November, covering the trading period, operational team structure and satisfy the governance for the service following the South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) recommendations.

#### Proposal(s)

The South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) recommended that the Council review the position of Traded Services with Schools and the roles and responsibilities of the service itself to ensure clear accountability & governance at all levels to include oversight, scrutiny and decision making.

To provide Children's Select with a proposal to submit future traded reports to the committee reviewing all traded services, purchases and income with early years settings and school sites on an annual report in November, and halfyearly interim report in May.

To gain Children's Select Committee support for future report submission with the appropriate oversight and scrutiny.

#### Reason for Proposal(s)

To ensure that our Traded Services offer is delivering the solutions to give our children the best possible chance to achieve the highest possible attainment through excellent services delivered in a timely and relevant manner to all education settings.

To safeguard there is clear accountability and transparency for all our Traded Services, supported with a framework of governance including oversight, scrutiny and decision making going forward.

Helean Hughes
Director, Education and Skills

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#### Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

#### 2. Strong Communities

By providing a wide variety of fee-based services to improve children's attainment in early years settings and school sites, educators can give their children the best opportunity to improve their outcomes and contribute positively to the wider community.

#### 3. Growing the Economy

Wiltshire Council has vast experience in delivering specialised services to educational sites and a wealth of expertise that can be offered competitively priced across Wiltshire. Our offer ensures that there are opportunities for all early years settings and school sites to utilise these excellent services whilst re-investing back into education services.

#### 4. Protecting those who are most vulnerable

Many traded services are created and designed around children and young people that need greater support to enjoy education. Delivering traded services provides valuable income to secure resources and support opportunities to deliver services to those most in need and provide educational settings with valuable expertise and guidance in areas facing hardship.

#### 5. An innovative and effective council

Traded services continue to find innovative ways to design and deliver training opportunities keeping ahead of delivery across the sector. With a blended offer of face to face and virtual delivery developed during the COVID period, presenters and training hosts are constantly finding new ways to deliver our offers.

# Background

- 6. The South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) recommended that the Council review the position of Traded Services with Schools and the roles and responsibilities of the service itself to ensure clear accountability & governance at all levels to include oversight, scrutiny and decision making.
- 7. The appointment of the Head of Traded Services in February 2019 has enabled a small team structure to be created that will support the Traded Services priorities. These are:
  - i) For our customers, to deliver competitively priced services that our early years and school sites want and purchase from us.
  - ii) For each of our Traded Services, to pro-actively promote and communicate the value and offer of each service direct to the customer, whilst providing platforms and opportunities to engage with new customers and every educational site in Wiltshire.
  - iii) For Wiltshire Council, to ensure there is a year-on-year increase in traded services income by cultivating a business-like culture within each of the traded services teams.
- 8. The events with COVID-19 have delayed the development of the proposal due to the demands on education sites and Department for Education initiatives launched across the country in response, that have been actively managed and delivered by the Traded Services Team.
- Traded Services have continued to support and respond to enquiries from early years and school sites throughout the COVID period and delivery has continued throughout by way of innovative virtual offers.

#### **Considerations for the Committee**

- 10. The committee have already played a very active role in shaping the transfer of ownership for our outdoor education venues during 2019 to third party providers.
- 11. The committee have demonstrated a keen understanding of balancing the professional and expertise education sites need, with the necessity and pressure for sites to balance their finances, whilst purchasing competitively priced services.
- 12. The collaborative work already undertaken with the Children's Select Committee regarding the outdoor education centres in 2019 and 2020, has illustrated the understanding and sensitivity of the committee when making decisions and offering advice, by balancing the impact on the children, families, and education sites.
- 13. The committee's guidance and oversight proved invaluable in delivering the successful outcomes for outdoor education provision in Wiltshire to third party providers during 2019/20.

### **Overview and Scrutiny Engagement**

14. If the proposal is accepted for an annual report delivered in November, followed up by an interim report in May, it would be anticipated that there would full overview and scrutiny of these reports. This would enable more thorough examination and discussions about the overall traded delivery and its individual elements.

# **Safeguarding Implications**

15. No implications identified at this time.

#### **Public Health Implications**

16. No implications identified at this stage.

# **Procurement Implications**

17. No implications identified at this stage.

#### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

18. No equalities impact identified.

### **Environmental and Climate Change Considerations**

19. No further environmental and climate change considerations identified.

# **Financial Implications**

- 20. Due to the statutory duties Wiltshire Council delivers to support education in Wiltshire, work is progressing to identify a financial strategy to evidence cost recovery for the traded services element of these valuable resources.
- 21. There is a balance that needs to be maintained that enables Wiltshire Council to support schools that are financially vulnerable or located in areas of financial hardship, to ensure they can draw on resources to improve the attainment of their children and teacher development. Failure to do this because of price, could have more costly long-term implications for both the school and the Local Authority.
- 22. Wiltshire Council's education response throughout the COVID pandemic has strived to make resources and services available to all schools across the County, to make sure that disadvantaged and vulnerable schools are not left behind and that the attainment gap does not increase.
- 23. The impact of COVID will be felt financially for the next twelve months due to contract renewals at different times in the calendar year for Local Authority maintained schools and Academy/Multi-Academy Trusts. These are constantly reviewed, and updates will be reported in the annual Traded Services report in November.

#### **Legal Implications**

24. No impact identified at this time.

#### **Workforce Implications**

25. No impact identified at this time.

# **Options Considered**

- 26. A monthly reporting model drawn from SAP which would need constant data manipulation between two different platforms to analyse data and purchasing trends from schools. This would involve manual intervention across every traded service income line to validate purchases and create an unnecessary cottage industry of data processing. A quarterly report could then be produced for submission to the committee. The compilation time will take 3 to 4 weeks each time to ensure the data is robust and meaningful which will have an impact on the resource delivering support to schools and services daily.
- 27. A termly report that analyses purchasing trends and activities across all education sites and traded service offers by drawing the data from our primary data source on the Right Choice platform. This would provide insight into purchasing and income generation, whilst tracking trends from previous years. With the use of data dashboards for traded service areas and reliable data direct from the purchasing portal education sites use, Right Choice, the data can be extracted with minimal officer intervention and can be shaped to provide information that the committee may ask for as part of the oversight and scrutiny process.

#### 28. A combination of:

- i) the termly report, outlined in point 27, delivered regularly to the Performance and Outcomes Board for Children's Services, for challenge, direction, and further analysis.
- ii) a half yearly traded services report in May presented to the Children's Select Committee, following the purchasing window closing for Local Authority schools.
- iii) A full year traded services report in November presented to the Children's Select Committee focussing on school purchasing and reports from each traded service on their trading period.

### **Conclusions**

29. To recommend that the committee agree to provide overview and scrutiny by supporting the reporting option set out in point 28, with the first annual report due for submission at the Children's Select Committee in November.

30. This will provide a clear structure for reporting and transparency for our Schools Traded Services in Wiltshire.

# **Helean Hughes (Director - Education and Skills)**

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Date of report 25 August 2021

**Appendices** 

None

**Background Papers** 

None



# **Children's Select Committee Forward Work Programme**

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Task Group	Start Date	Final Report Expected
Disadvantaged / vulnerable Learners	As soon	_
Whilst Wiltshire has a relatively low number of disadvantaged learners, they are largely underperforming	as	
compared to regional and national levels.	possible -	
	volunteers	
To be informed of the council's current work and aspirations.	welcome	
To identify the reason(s) for the higher underperforming than regional and national levels.		
To explore solutions to raise performance levels, based on best practice across the country.		
In-house foster carers	Septembe	
To identify:	r / October	
a. how the effectiveness of the Fostering Excellence project will be measured and reported;	2021 –	
b. how the benefits to children in care being placed with in-house carers (receiving enhanced training /	volunteers	
support as part of Fostering Excellence) will be measured and reported;	welcome	
c. best practice across the country for recruitment and retention of in-house foster carers, as well for anticipating demand (needs / demand modelling)		
Children and Young People's Mental Health	tbc	
This will follow on from the work of the CAMHS task group but the terms of reference will be reviewed to		
ensure a more holistic approach.		
Families and Children's Transformation (FACT)	After	
To scrutinise the impact and effectiveness of the FACT programme, whilst ensuring that the voice of the child	November	
is embedded in the FACT programme.	2021	
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Areas to focus on (based on the debate and areas for continuing improvement that were highlighted in the	CSC in	
report) are detailed in the minutes of the CSC meeting on 19 January 2021.	November	
Youth provision and youth service funding	tbc	
Area Board youth service funding		
To understand what the differences are (and why) in allocating youth funding and to determine whether the eligibility criteria and assessment / approval process are still relevant (where possible compare with other local authorities) and ensure clear "best practice" / guidelines.		
Youth Provision – gap analysis		
To consider the outcome of the Youth provision gap analysis undertaken (referred to in the Covid-19 update to Cabinet, 1 December 2020) and establish whether further scrutiny (e.g. task group) would be beneficial to ensure that demand / needs are met where possible and also that people are aware of the provision (effective promotion).		
NB link with Youth Voice team's work		
To develop consistency across the 18 area boards in terms of allocating youth funding and eligibility criteria.		
Access to Post-16 education	Spring	
To establish a clear picture of post-16 education provision available to young people in Wiltshire and availability of / options for transport to access that provision.	2022 (tie in with academic year)	
NB – may link to follow up work from the Youth Transport Task Group's final report.		

Children's Select Committee - Rapid Scrutiny						
Topic	Details	Date				
Housing – provision of accommodation for young people at transition time	To consider how effective the council is at meeting housing needs (including availability of choice and location) for young people at transition time (e.g. Care Leavers or SEND "aging out" of existing provision).	To be completed and reporting back to November CSC				
SEND provision – data set	tbc					

High needs block funding	To review the current processes and explore whether there would be	Start February
	value added in establishing a task group to consider options to manage pressures on high needs block budget whilst providing the	2022 onwards
	most appropriate support at the earliest opportunity.	
Health Outcomes and meeting health needs	To explore how the council can best scrutinise what partners (and	Date tbc
	providers) are doing to provide health outcomes for Wiltshire	
	children, this would include establishing what the current scrutiny by	
	the council is (including information on the current and planned work	
	on this topic of the Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership).	

Children's Select Committee – Forward Work Programme		Last updated 27 AUGUST 2021			
Meeting Date	Item	Details / Purpose of Report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
Standing items (	at all meetings)				
	DfE Changes - Update from Department for Education	A report presenting an update on developments relating to children's services arising from the Department for Education.	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Nicola McCanr
	School Ofsted Judgements	A report which includes information regarding the most recent Ofsted Inspection reports. It will provide an ongoing view of the effectiveness of schools as seen by Ofsted Inspection.	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Louise Lewis
	Update from Wiltshire Youth Union Representative	An update including a summary of recent activities of the Wiltshire Youth Union (WYU), the Youth Safeguarding Board (YSB) and the Children in Care Council (CiCC).	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Gary Binstead

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
	Corporate Parenting Panel Report	To consider the draft annual Corporate Parenting Panel before it is presented to Full Council on 20 October 2020.			Lisa Pullin
5 January 2022					
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Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
Agenda item – da	ate to be set				
	Child Poverty	To receive a report presenting figures / data for child poverty in Wiltshire (compared to national figures) and the services / provision in place to address this in Wiltshire, either delivered / supported by the			
	School Improvement Programme	council or third sector (that the council is aware of).  As agreed at the 10 March 2020 meeting (schools Ofsted judgments) to receive a report			
		on implementation / progress of the school improvement programme. (NB with pre- meeting briefing as well)			

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
	Youth Transport (including SEND)	Update following task group's work and executive response - National Bus Strategy and any decision or progress regarding a single "Wiltshire Youth Card" .  To include input from the council's review of transport services for children and young people with SEND (commissioning team).  NB – may link to the proposed Access to Post-16 education task group			
	Outdoor education	Update following task group's work and executive response (CSC 10 March 2021)			

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
Meetings after N	FACT update	Following consideration of update on 10 March 2020:  Request an update for March 2021. The Chair and Vice-chair will identify specific areas for update from the report considered today and inform officers accordingly. The update should include more figures for improved outcome for young people and also figures on savings / costs avoided to demonstrate the impact of the FACT programme.  For example number of Five to Thrive champions trained, outcome / learning from the Multi-Agency Use of CMS, outcome of performance reviews, etc.	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	
	Corporate Parenting bi- annual report	To consider the mid-year annual report from Corporate Parenting	Lucy Townsend (Corporate Director - People)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Lisa Pullin

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
Not before 1 Jun 2022	Performance monitoring report	As approved at CSC on 12 November 2019 (OS/executive meeting outcome) - that the committee receives performance monitoring reports on the overall service (following on from the premeeting briefing at the November meeting on the council's self-assessment process), likely to be June (to consider the year-end data from the previous year) then January meetings.		Cllr Laura Mayes	
Information briefi	ngs				
September 2021	Information briefing - MASH and early support	September / October 2021			

Children's Select Committee – Forward Work Programme		Last updated 27 AUGUST 2021			
Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
September 2021	Information briefing - different types of schools and their "responsibilities"	To provide an overview of the different types of school in Wiltshire and the split between schools and Local Authority's responsibilities. To explain the impact of academisation and the role of governors.  There may be further briefings to explore responsibilities (Local Authority / schools) with regards to: Safeguarding (support and responsibilities) Specialist Schools and Specialist Units overseen by the LA (i.e. developments in Salisbury & Exeter House, Hearing Impaired Unit Salisbury, ARK Resource Base Amesbury and others etc), and SEND provision contracted out Traded services for schools School building programme	Helean Hughes (Director - Education and Skills)		

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
Between 30 Sep 2021 and 1 Nov 2021	Information briefing - FACT (Families and Children Transformation Programme): the journey so far	There is also a proposed task group and agenda item Timeline – late September, October for the briefing and November for agenda item.	Martin Davis (Director - Families and Children)		
between 1 Nov 2021 and 31 Dec 2021	Information briefing - Young Carers in Wiltshire	This briefing could inform the scope of a potential task group or rapid scrutiny – to consider how to best promote the service and ensure that Young Carers and their families are aware of and access the support on offer.	Helen Jones (Director - Joint Commissioning)		
November 2021	Information briefing - school improvement programme	Linked to agenda item - briefing in November	Helean Hughes (Director - Education and Skills)		
November 2021	Information briefing - SEND provision: See the person not the disability	To understand SEND and provision by the council (including awareness of funding). This briefing would underpin future scrutiny work (proposed rapid scrutiny) on SEND provision and High Needs block funding.			

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Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
January 2022	Information briefing - employment and apprenticeship	To receive information on:  NEET (not in education, employment or training) numbers in Wiltshire — including national figures for comparison (ons)  Take up / outcome of the NEET government scheme in Wiltshire and nationally  Current number of apprentices in Wiltshire and schemes in place, including Wiltshire Council  Services in place / support available in Wiltshire to help young people move towards work, education or training e.g. Wiltshire Council's Employment and Skills (Work Wiltshire), programmes such as Building Bridges, etc.			
19 Jan 2022	Information briefing - School Funding	Yearly briefing ahead of consideration of the budget.			

Children's Select	Children's Select Committee – Forward Work Programme			Last updated 27 AUGUST 2021		
Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer	
Between 19 Jan 2022 and 26 Feb 2022	Information briefing - learning from Covid-19	To inform members on the lessons learnt from Covid on how some of the mitigations or new ways of working implemented to manage the pandemic could be adapted for ongoing use to improve the efficiency/productivity of the service (This potentially could be an agenda item at some point as well). NB the briefing should be linked to a presentation from Wiltshire CIL to Health Select Committee and work undertaken by Wiltshire Parent Carer Council.				
February 2022	Information briefing - Alternative Educational Provision	To receive information on processes followed and options available in Wiltshire, including information on the Service Level Agreement for funding delegated to secondary schools to support learners at risk of exclusion. Anticipated to be a shorter briefing (30 minutes).				

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Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer	
Information briefing - Family Learning Service	To raise awareness of the service and the support it offers to families. Anticipated to be a shorter 30 minutes briefing.				
Information briefing - Demand modelling for children services	To develop some awareness of the work undertaken, common factors that drive demand, how to anticipate impact and volume – informing members of the complexities of managing and anticipating demand.  Once this briefing has been delivered there may be further updates on specific demand analysis.			Tamsin Stone	
ation by the standing task group  Corporate Parenting bi-	(reports preview)  March (brief update) October / November (annual				
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	Performance monitoring reports	To receive performance monitoring reports on the overall service, likely to be June (to consider the year-end data from the previous year) then January meetings.				
	Early Years and Childcare Standards Annual Report	To receive a report detailing local authority standards for early years and pre-school provision including sufficiency (which is a statutory duty), pupil outcomes and Ofsted grades.				
	Elective Home Education (including for Children with SEND)	Item follows the resolution from the 5th March 2019 Children's Select Committee:  "To receive further data and analysis in 12 months on children with SEND receiving Elective Home Education."	Helean Hughes (Director - Education and Skills)	Cllr Laura Mayes	Jen Salter	

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	Children missing education / children missing out on education	To receive dataset and policy on Children Missing Out on Education / Children Missing Education  NB – may be timely to link to information briefing on Alternative Educational Provision			
	Pupil Performance in Public Tests and Examinations	Provides an annual overview of pupil performance at the end of each key stage and compares Wiltshire's attainment with national, south west and statistical neighbours.			
	Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership	To receive annual report from the partnership presenting work in the past year and priorities / objectives for the year ahead.			

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	Adoption	Annual item.				
		To receive information on adoption from the following sources:				
		Local authority's performance report with regards to adoption (statutory requirement that regular assurance reports are provided regarding the Council's responsibility for the adoption of children); Adoption West joint scrutiny panel's annual report.				
	Traded Services	Update following task group's work and executive response (CSC 10 March 2021): a. Progress and development for Traded Services b. Development of the Traded Services team c. The establishment of a project / governance board				