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**CHILDREN MISSING OUT ON EDUCATION/  
CHILDREN MISSING EDUCATION AND ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION**

1. **Purpose of Report**  
To provide a copy of the Families & Children's Service Policy on Children Missing Out On Education/Children Missing Education/Elective Home Education.
2. **Background**  
At an earlier Children's Select Committee meeting, it was agreed that these policies should be tabled.
3. **Main Considerations for the Council**  
A copy of each policy are attached for note and consideration.
4. **Safeguarding Considerations**  
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. The attached policies detail how children missing education, are missing out on education, and are electively home educated are safeguarded, identifying relevant legislation, policies, and guidance.
5. **Public Health Implications**  
Children attending school and receiving a satisfactory education (including elective home education) is essential for attaining long term outcomes and their well-being. Supporting children to remain in school will improve health outcomes.
6. **Environmental and Climate Change Considerations**  
There are no relevant issues.
7. **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**  
Ensuring all children receive a satisfactory education promotes attainment, opportunity and outcomes which break down the barriers of inequality and deprivation.
8. **Risk Assessment**  
The key risk is in ensuring that children who are missing from education are tracked, located and supported to receive a suitable education.

9. **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken**  
If the Council does not have sound procedures for safeguarding children and ensuring they go to school; children will be at risk of abuse and/or danger. They will also not reach their outcomes and attainment targets which could damage the Wiltshire economy in the longer term.
10. **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks**  
No identified risks in this context.
11. **Financial Implications**  
None. Children's Services are funded to do this work.
12. **Legal Implications**  
The Council has legal responsibilities in relation to ensuring children receive a suitable education; which details are outlined in the attached policies.
13. **Options Considered**  
It was agreed on 06/02/18 that a Children Missing Education Policy/Elective Home Education policy would be tabled at a forthcoming Select Committee meeting.
14. **Conclusions**  
Select Committee is asked to note the Families & Children's Services completed policies.

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