

Appendix 1

Key pieces of work undertaken by the Children's Select Committee 2009-2013

Activity	Date	Brief Explanation	Outcome
Task Groups, Rapid Scrutiny Exercises and other ad hoc exercises			
Rapid Scrutiny: Review of SEN Provision	Jan 2010 - May 2011	Considered proposals for SEN service development with respect to primary schools, specialist learning centres, special schools and SEN Support services.	Made recommendations particularly on the consultation process followed. Committee monitored the transitions of individual pupils affected.
Placements For LAC Task Group	Mar 2011 – May 2012	Established to consider the Children in Care Commissioning Strategy. Subsequently undertook longer term work scrutinising performance and budget management of all services for LAC and their carers.	Impacted on several strategies and was also praised in the 2012 Ofsted inspection report. Was 'replaced' by the Safeguarding Children & Young People Task Group in May 2012 following the Ofsted inspection.
Rapid Scrutiny: 11-19 Commissioning Strategy Consultation	July 2011	Drafted a detailed response to the 13-19 Commissioning Strategy consultation document.	Response was endorsed by Committee and its recommendations influenced the final Strategy.
Rapid Scrutiny: Denominational Transport	Sep 2011	Established to consider the proposals to remove funding assistance for this area in detail. A well-attended public meeting was held, including	Cabinet received the report and the initial proposals were adjusted, more in-line with

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		opportunity for affected schools and parents to make representations, and the final report was submitted to Cabinet.	Scrutiny's recommendations.
Select Committee agenda items			
Strategic Direction Of Small Schools	2009 – 2010	The Council was required to produce a Primary Plan showing how the authority supported schools below the performance target, maximised progression and encouraged consistent performance.	Committee monitored this work.
Ofsted inspection reports	Jan 2010 Sep 2010 Jan 2011 Sep 2011	The Committee received a number of reports providing the outcome of Ofsted inspections, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact and referral centres • unannounced inspections • annual ratings 	The majority of these reports were noted. The 2012 Ofsted inspection report was addressed in detail by the Safeguarding C&YP Task Group.
Basic Skills in Wiltshire	July 2010 – Jan 2011	The Committee received reports on Basic Skills attainment levels in Wiltshire, plus partnership/governance arrangements, current initiatives and plans for the future.	Monitored and noted.
Youth staffing allocations	July 2010	Following concerns expressed by members, received a report on proposed changes to the allocation of staffing using a formula approach based upon various criteria.	Members were reassured by the formula approach being taken and noted the report.
Scrutiny of the Business Plan	Mar 2011	A report identifying the content in the Business	Members agreed a list of

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		Plan that fell within the remit of the Committee.	themes and proposed methods for scrutinising each area.
Annual reports and Business Plans of the Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB)	Annual	Annual reports and business plans from the key statutory body for coordinating local safeguarding activity.	Reports were largely noted, but the Safeguarding C&YP Task Group have made recommendations for more in-depth future scrutiny.
Wiltshire's Readiness To Meet The New Requirements For Raising The Participation Age (RPA)	May 2012	An overview of Wiltshire' readiness to meet new statutory duties to Raise the Participating Age (RPA), increasing the minimum age at which young people in England could leave learning.	Monitored and noted.