



# Minutes

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| Name of meeting           | <b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL</b>  |
| Date and time             | <b>TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2011 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM</b>  |
| Venue                     | <b>COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>   |
| Present                   | Cllrs George Cameron (Chairman) Paul Fuller, John Howe, David Stewart, Gary Taylor   |
| Co-opted Members (voting) | Sara Sheath (Parent Governor Representative)   |
| Cabinet Members           | Cllrs Dawn Cousins, David Pugh   |
| Officers Present          | Ian Anderson, Steve Beynon, Roger Edwardson, Ali Matthews, Janet Newton, Paul Thistlewood                                      |
| Apologies                 | Cllr Chris Welsford, David Miller (Parent Governor Representative), Tony Blackshaw and Urszula Topp (Diocesan Representatives) |

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24. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [8 December 2010](#) be confirmed.

25. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Mrs Sara Sheath declared a personal interest in Minute 28 as she was a member of Children's Trust Board, chair of the Admissions Forum, a member of the Schools Forum, a Local Authority Governor at Christ the King, a Community Governor at Shanklin Community School and had children at Christ the King and Shanklin C of E Primary School.

Councillor John Howe declared a personal interest in Minute 28 as was a Governor of Weston Community School, St Saviours School, West Wight Middle School, West Wight Nursery and a Committee Member of West Wight Youth Club.

Councillor George Cameron declared a personal interest in Minute 28 as he was on the board of the Freshwater Early Years Service.

26. **Public Question Time**

Mr Mark Witcomb, Regional Director of the National Deaf Childrens Society had submitted questions (PQ05/11) in relation to the effect of budget proposals on services for children with special educational needs. The Cabinet Member for Children's Services responded to each question.

27. **Terms of Reference**

The Panel was reminded of its revised terms of reference as agreed by full council on 19 January 2011.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the terms of reference be noted.

28. **2022/12 – 2013/14 Budget Strategy**

(During the course of the debate on this item Cllr Paul Fuller declared a personal interest as he was a local authority governor on Northwood Primary and Cowes High schools, on the management committee of Cowes Youth Centre and had children at Solent Middle School and Cowes High School).

The Panel received an overview of the current budget position and the specific implications for those services coming within its remit. The Strategic Director of Community and Wellbeing gave a short powerpoint presentation highlighting the aspects of the budget related to children's social care. This showed that revenue expenditure on safeguarding had been protected. This would, in some instances, involve a change in how the service was delivered. There would be savings arising from restructuring but these would be utilised for front line service delivery. Consultations would soon commence on post 16 and faith school transport which could lead to savings.

Officers clarified improvements being introduced to child care working practices This would focus on managing risk rather than avoiding risk and assist in reducing the need for expensive intervention work. An outline was given of the processes involved in outsourcing the Children's Centres and monitoring of service delivery and outcomes.

The panel was advised of the options for budget reductions that had been looked at but discounted and the reasons for this

With regard to budget proposals for education and schools the Chief Executive outlined the main implications of changes that would be occurring in these areas. Due to the cessation of a number of grants and alterations to a number of grants the central staffing and infrastructure supporting these would no longer be required.

The importance of collaboration between schools on purchasing items such as school support services, parenting support and extended school provision. Members discussed the increased autonomy of schools and the responsibilities

placed upon head teachers and school governors. The council only had a power of intervention and was only entitled to receive information relating to attendance and exclusions. The Leader advised that there were specific provisions within the memorandum of understanding with the new secondary providers for them to attend meetings of the panel to look at performance.

It was noted that the Children Services staffing structure was being re-organised as part of the overall management review. There was some concern expressed by the panel that the directorate had been through a number of re-structures in recent years and required a period some stability once this exercise had been completed.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT there were no specific areas of concern that should be brought to the attention of the Cabinet.

29. **Forward Plan**

The Panel was made aware of the relevant items within its remit that were contained within the forward plan for February 2011 to May 2011. The report on post 16 and faith based school transport was likely to move to the June 2011 cabinet.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the forward plan be noted.

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CHAIRMAN