



Minutes

Name of meeting	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL
Date and time	MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2012 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs George Cameron (Chairman), Paul Fuller, John Howe, David Stewart
Co-opted Members (voting)	David Miller (Parent Governor Representative)
Cabinet Members	Cllr Dawn Cousins
Other members present (non-voting)	Cllr Wayne Whittle
Officers Present	Ian Anderson, Steve Beynon, Mark Howell, Chris Mathews, Ali Matthews, Janet Newton, Paul Thistlewood
Apologies	Cllr Gary Taylor, Sara Sheath (Parent Governor Representative), Emily Fletcher, Urszula Topp (Diocesan Representatives)

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RESOLVED :

THAT, subject to Mr Miller's declaration of interest being amended to read Gurnard and not Northwood in Minute 26 and Minute 28, Raising Educational Standards paragraph 3 first line 2011/12 being changed to 2013/14, the Minutes of the meeting held on [18 January 2012](#) be confirmed.

34. [2012/13 – 2014/15 Budget Strategy, Council Tax Setting and Corporate Plan/Medium Term Financial Strategy](#)

Members considered the report due to be submitted to the Cabinet on 14 February 2012 regarding the 2012/13 budget. In support of this the Cabinet Member and officers identified specific issues of relevance to the Panel by way of a powerpoint presentation.

The planned investment and proposed savings for children's social care were outlined. Members noted that saving proposal CWB2 involving efficiencies at Children's Centres would not impact upon service delivery. With regard to

implementing the youth service review not only would this result in savings but an increase in the level of participation by young people in the service. The Panel queried the methods that would be used to identify if such an increase in participation was experienced.

An outline was given of the content of the Phase 3 and Phase 4 works contained in the schools capital programme. This involved a total spend of £37.8m for all the phases which did not include the £30m costs of the Cowes Pathfinder project.

The joint working arrangements with Southampton City Council were outlined and how these would lead to savings without diminishing service provision. This enabled a broader pool of experience to be drawn upon to deal with any circumstances encountered. Support for maths in primary schools and leadership skills would be provided by the Council.

In looking at other options for savings it had been decided not to insist that schools undertook all procurement exercises from April or August 2012 without additional support. This would not be fully implemented until April 2013.

Members discussed budgetary issues in relation to the corporate priority of raising educational standards and the respective roles of the Council and Governing Bodies. In addition issues connected with careers advice in schools and youth employment were noted.

RESOLVED :

- i) THAT in making efficiencies at Children's Centres the current level of family support should be maintained.
- ii) THAT consideration should be given to the introduction of a performance measure for the participation level of young people in the revised youth service and a report submitted to the Panel on this.

CHAIRMAN