



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2012 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs George Cameron (Chairman), Paul Fuller, David Stewart, Gary Taylor
Co-opted Members (voting)	David Miller, (Parent Governor Representative) Emily Fletcher, Urszula Topp (Diocesan Representatives)
Cabinet Members	Cllrs Dawn Cousins, David Pugh
Youth Council	Freddie Green
Other members present (non voting)	Cllr Barry Abraham
Officers Present	Ian Anderson, Steve Beynon, Chris Mathews, Janet Newton, Paul Thistlewood
Apologies	Cllr John Howe, Sara Sheath (parent governor representative)

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46. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [14 March 2012](#) be confirmed.

47. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Dave Stewart declared a personal interest in minutes 48 and 49 as a member of his family was employed at Carisbrooke College, another at Sandown Bay Primary and another at Sandown Bay Academy.

Councillor Gary Taylor declared a personal interest in minutes 48 and 49 as he was a Local Authority Governor on Ryde Academy.

Councillor Paul Fuller declared a personal interest in minutes 48 and 49 as he had children at Cowes Enterprise College, was an authority governor at Northwood Primary School and was on the management committee of Cowes Youth Centre.

Mr David Miller declared a personal interest in minutes 48 and 49 as he had children at Gurnard Primary School and Cowes Enterprise College, his wife was a governor at Gurnard Primary School, he was a member of Cowes Community Partnership.

Councillor George Cameron declared a personal interest in minutes 48 and 49 as he was on the board of the Freshwater Early Years Service and the management committee of West Wight Youth Centre.

#### 48. **Provision of Secondary Education**

The chairman reminded members that at the previous meeting presentations had been made by three of the six secondary providers. T his meeting would be in the same format and enable the three other providers to make similar presentations incorporating the performance management information required under the framework.

##### (a) [Christ the King College](#)

David Lisseter (Chair of Governors) and Pat Goodhead (Principal) gave a [powerpoint presentation](#) on the history and background to the college, its vision for the future, pastoral care and guidance, Christian ethos, attainment and key issues for the future. In addition details of predicted performance, attendance and exclusions were circulated.

The college representatives highlighted a range of background information including :

- Amalgamation had been discussed for a number of years
- Sixth form to be introduced in September 2012
- No fixed term or permanent exclusions
- Predicted attainment levels above national average
- Need to work with all Island schools

The panel then sought clarification on various issues including :

- Engagement with students, parents and the community
- Support to pupils who were identified as underperforming
- Emphasis on social, moral, spiritual and cultural issues throughout whole curriculum and activities
- Behaviour management through the Living and Learning Together Policy

##### (b) [Academies Enterprise Trust \(AET\)](#)

Mr David Fuller, Regional Director of Education, gave an overview of the involvement of AET in the provision of secondary education on the Island. One key aim was to ensure that all students were able to attend a school where they could fulfil their full potential. The Trust was also keen that each facility had its own local identity. Performance

would be closely monitored and challenged so that there was a continued growth in improvement.

(i) Ryde Academy

Mr Rob Hoddle, Principal, gave a [powerpoint presentation](#) on the vision for the academy, the first year of the development plan, current predictions for key stages 4 and 5, pupil attendance and exclusions and priorities for year 2 of the development plan.

The following issues were highlighted :

- Focus on basic skills and level of attendance
- Use of Fischer Family Trust Data for predictions
- Improvements in attendance and persistent absence compared with former high school
- It was the smallest secondary facility on the island.

The panel then sought clarification on various issues including :

- Wider literacy programme involving parents
- AET's own inspection process had assisted in identifying where improvements were required.
- Ability to recruit teaching staff from the mainland.

(ii) Sandown Academy

Mr John Bradshaw, Executive Principal and John Gansler Chairman of Governors gave a [powerpoint presentation](#) on the first year of the academy's operation, the learner framework, successes, curriculum, behaviour, quality assurance, community development and proposals for the 2012/13 academic year. In addition details of predicted performance, attendance and exclusions were circulated.

The following issues were highlighted :-

- Operated independently from Ryde Academy
- Influx of large number of students, new teachers and new support staff in September
- Difficulties experienced with operating on a split site
- New autistic centre located on the site

The panel then sought clarification on various issues including :

- Arrangements for targeted intervention to improve attainment
- Leadership, accountability and staff development
- Review of behaviour policy

The representative from the Youth Council queried the accuracy of attendance figures as he had experienced occasions when registration did not take place.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the representatives from Christ the King College, Ryde Academy and Sandown Academy be thanked for their attendance and presentations.

49. **Relocation of the council's pupil referral units and alternative provision and extension of services.**

The cabinet member for children's services and education outlined the background to a delegated decision on a consultation exercise being undertaken in relation to aspects of special educational needs (SEN) provision. The proposals were in response to implementing the findings of the SEN review carried out in 2011.

The timeframe for this matter was noted and the cabinet would be considering a further report at its meeting on 11 September 2012.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the panel be advised of responses received in respect of the consultation exercise prior to a final decision being taken.

50. **Corporate Priority performance 2011/12.**

The chief executive advised the panel of a review being undertaken on the performance indicators for the reporting of corporate plan priorities for 2012/13. It was noted that there would be two new measures relating to raising educational standards and two for keeping children safe. The panel discussed the measure used for the key stage 2 performance.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the measure for the percentage for achievement at level 4 or above in both English and maths at key stage 2 should be amended to also include level 5.

51. **Forward Plan and Consultations**

The panel was advised that as the result of further consideration of the process for review of the music service there had been changes to the timeframe. The cabinet would now consider the launch of the consultation exercise at its meeting on 14 August 2012 leading to a delegated decision later in the year with an expected implementation date of January 2013. The panel also noted that the cabinet would not be considering a report reviewing school achievement for 2011/12. The panel would be involved however in looking at the outcomes for 2012/13 and this would also involve a special

meeting with the new secondary providers. It was indicated that to assist in this process it was necessary to have comparable data.

RESOLVED:

THAT the forward plan and related issues be noted.

52. **Progress Report**

Members considered progress with the actions and recommendations arising from previous meetings. It was noted that the next meeting would have an emphasis on safeguarding and bring together a number of outstanding issues.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN