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Notes of evidence

Name of meeting

Date and time

Venue

Commission

Cabinet

Officers Present

POLICY COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL RESULTS

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2007 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM

COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

Cllrs Gill Kennett (Commissioner), George Cameron, Win McRobert, **Muriel Miller**

Cllr Alan Wells

Julie Martin, Keith Simmonds, Paul Thistlewood, George Weech

1. **Notes of Evidence**

The Notes of evidence arising at the meeting held on 12 September 2007 were agreed

Declarations of Interest 2.

Cllr Gill Kennett declared a personal interest as a relative was employed in a Pupil Referral Unit.

3. Youth Engagement Strategy

The Commission considered the draft Blue paper relating to the Youth Engagement Strategy. The paper set out the findings of evidence that had been taken.

Members indicated they would they would like to see the implementation plan with the inclusion of more facts and figures and the funding firmed up prior to its final submission to Cabinet.

Keith Simmonds told the Commission that the Cabinet would need to agree the use of resources within the Directorate to enable the necessary detailed work to be undertaken.

The Commission indicated that in agreeing to option 4 within the Blue Paper it would want to see the draft implementation plan prior to final consideration by the Cabinet.

The Policy Commission therefore agreed that the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People seek the approval of the Cabinet to resources within the Directorate being utilised with regard to the following :-

- (i) The principle of establishing an Integrated Youth Engagement Strategy and restructuring current services to provide a coordinated and coherent integrated youth provision to meet the outcomes of such a strategy and those of the Department for Children, Schools and Families and other statutory requirements.
- (ii) Officers drafting a full implementation plan, to be brought back to the Policy Commission, by April 2008, before the Cabinet takes a final decision for implementation from September 2008.