



Buckinghamshire County Council
Select Committee
Education, Skills and Children's Services

Date: Tuesday 14 October 2014
Time: 12.30 pm
Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury

AGENDA

12.00 pm Pre-meeting Discussion

This session is for members of the Committee only. It is to allow the members time to discuss lines of questioning, areas for discussion and what needs to be achieved during the meeting.

12.30 pm Formal Meeting Begins

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SPECIAL URGENT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

This is a Special Meeting and five clear days' notice of the meeting has not been given. The meeting was required in order to finalise the Committee's recommendations on the Improvement Plan for consideration at the Cabinet meeting on 20 October, to meet the timetable set by Ofsted.

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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | |
| 2 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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| 3 | CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - INQUIRY MEMBERSHIP CO-
OPTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBER | 5 - 6 |



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| 4 | <p>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>To resolve to exclude the press and public as the following items are exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p> | 12.35pm |
| 5 | <p>CHILDREN'S SERVICES DRAFT IMPROVEMENT PLAN - COMMITTEE ONLY DISCUSSION</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to enable Inquiry Members to discuss any immediate comments/suggestions on the Draft Improvement Plan prior to its consideration by Cabinet on 20 October 2014.</p> | 7 - 62 |
| 6 | <p>CHILDREN'S SERVICES DRAFT IMPROVEMENT PLAN - QUESTIONING TO WITNESSES</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to enable Members to raise questions on the Draft Improvement Plan, including costing information, prior to the draft Plan going forward to Cabinet for approval.</p> <p>Contributors</p> <p>Angela Macpherson - Cabinet Member for Children's Services</p> <p>Trevor Boyd – Interim Managing Director for Children's Social Care and Learning</p> <p>David Johnston – Interim Service Director for Children's Safeguarding</p> <p>David Moran – Interim Finance Director, Children Social Care</p> | 1pm |
| 7 | <p>CHILDREN'S SERVICES DRAFT IMPROVEMENT PLAN - COMMITTEE ONLY DISCUSSION</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to enable Inquiry Members to discuss any immediate comments/suggestions on the Draft Improvement Plan prior to its consideration by Cabinet on 20 October 2014.</p> | 1:30pm |
| 8 | <p>INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> | 1.50pm |
| 9 | <p>SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRY CONCLUSIONS</p> | 1.50pm |
| 10 | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>To note the next meeting of the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee on 4 November 2014.</p> | 1:55pm |

Purpose of the committee

The Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee shall carry out the local authority scrutiny functions for all policies and services relating to education and learning and children and young people, including: Nurseries and early years education; Schools and further education; The Bucks Learning Trust; Quality standards and performance in education; Special Educational Needs (SEN); Learning and skills; Culture and learning; Adult learning; Children and family services; Early intervention; Child protection, safeguarding and prevention; Children in care (looked after children); Children's psychology; Children's partnerships; Youth provision; The Youth Offending Service; Libraries; The County Museum; and Registrars.

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Mrs A Davies	Mr M Shaw
Mr D Dhillon (VC)	Mr R Stuchbury
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Mr P Irwin	Ms K Wood

Co-opted Members

Mr D Babb, Church of England Representative
Mr M Moore, Roman Catholic Church
Ms M Nowers, Primary School Sector



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Report to the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee

Title: Improving Children's Social Care –
Children's Services Improvement Plans

Committee date: 17th October 2014

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Electoral divisions affected: All

There is a confidential appendix, which is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Purpose of Agenda Item

The purpose of this item is to consider the Draft Buckinghamshire Children's Services Improvement Plan and the Draft Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan and to make any comments or recommendations to Cabinet before the plans are submitted to the Department for Education, as a part of the Improving Children's Social Care Select Committee Inquiry.

Background

The Improving Children's Social Care Select Committee Inquiry was established by the Select Committee on 8th September 2014 to review the plans for the improvement of Children's Services resulting from the 2014 Ofsted Inspection. The Inquiry is to consider:



- i. the arrangements to be put in place for the improvement of Children's Services, as detailed in the Draft Improvement Plans and whether these meet all of the key areas for improvement highlighted in the Ofsted Inspection report.
- ii. the arrangements in place for improvement of effective partnership working, including the Buckinghamshire Safer Partnership Board, and
- iii. identify and consider, in-depth, specific key areas for improvement highlighted in the Draft Improvement Plan.

Summary

This report presents the Draft Buckinghamshire Children's Services Improvement Plan, at Appendix 1 and the Draft Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan, at Appendix B (confidential).

Resource implications

There are no anticipated resource financial or resource implications arising from the Select Committee Inquiry. The financial and recourse implications arising from the improvement of children's services and the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan will be considered as part of the Select Committee Inquiry.

Members will notice in the draft Improvement Plan the bulk of actions are cost neutral, some do require investment.

Next steps

Following consideration of the Draft Buckinghamshire Children's Services Improvement Plan and the Draft Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Improvement Plan the Committee may make comments or recommendations to Cabinet before the plans are submitted to the Department for Education, as a part of the Improving Children's Social Care Select Committee Inquiry.

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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