



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

Date: Tuesday 4 November 2014
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury

AGENDA

9.30 am 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.

10.00 am Formal Meeting Begins

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To declare any Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.		
3 MINUTES Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th October 2014 to be confirmed as a correct record.		7 - 16
4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS		



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The Cabinet Member and responsible officers will then be invited to respond.

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5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

For the chairman of the Committee to provide an update to the Committee on recent scrutiny related activity.

6 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

For members of the Committee to update the Committee on any issue they are investigating on behalf of the Committee.

7 IMPROVING CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE INQUIRY - ORAL EVIDENCE

Questions to Cllr David Simmonds, Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, Hillingdon Borough Council and Chairman of the Local Government Association's Children and Young People's Board.

Contributor

Cllr David Simmonds, Hillingdon Borough Council

8 SUPPORTING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

10.40am 17 - 20

To consider the local authority arrangements for supporting school improvement in Buckinghamshire.

Contributors

Mr Mike Appleyard – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

Mr Chris Munday – Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention

Mr Raza Khan – Chief Executive – Bucks Learning Trust

Mrs Amanda Taylor-Hopkins – Director of Education – Bucks Learning Trust

Mrs Sarah Holding – School Relationship Manager, Learning Skills and Prevention

Papers

A report to consider the Ofsted inspection framework for the

Local Authority arrangements for supporting school improvement and to provide an update on the preparations underway to prepare Buckinghamshire County Council for a possible Ofsted Inspection for its arrangements for supporting School Improvement.

9 NARROWING THE GAP 11.10am 21 - 34

An update on the implementation of the agreed Select Committee recommendations of the Narrowing the Gap Select Committee report on the attainment gap between socially and economically deprived pupils and their peers in Buckinghamshire.

Contributors

Mr Mike Appleyard – Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

Mr Chris Munday – Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention

Mr Raza Khan – Chief Executive, Bucks Learning Trust

Mrs Amanda Taylor-Hopkins – Director of Education, Bucks Learning Trust

Papers

A report on Narrowing the Gap

10 THE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADULT EDUCATION IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 11.30am 35 - 48

To consider the governance arrangements for Adult Education in Buckinghamshire.

Contributors

Mr Bill-Bendyshe-Brown - Deputy Cabinet Member Education and Skills

Mr Chris Munday – Service Director, Learning, Skills and Prevention

Papers

A report on the proposed governance arrangements from the Adult Learning Service.

11 EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2014-15 12pm

Members will review and plan the Committee's Work Programme.

Contributors

Mrs Val Letheren – Chairman of the ESCE Select Committee

Mr Michael Carr – Scrutiny Policy Officer

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
To note the next meeting of the Education, Skills and

Children's Services Select Committee on Wednesday 19th
November 2014 at 2pm in Mezzanine Rooms 1 and 2

13 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve to exclude the press and public as the following item is 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)

14 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

12.30pm 49 - 54

Of the meeting held on 7th October 2014 to be confirmed as a correct record.

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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Members

Mrs M Aston	Mrs W Mallen
Mr J Chilver	Mr M Shaw
Mr D Dhillon (VC)	Mr R Stuchbury
Mr P Gomm	Mr D Watson
Mr P Irwin	Ms K Wood
Mrs V Letheren (C)	

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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