



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

Date: Tuesday 27 January 2015
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

Agenda Item	Time	Page No
1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To declare any Personal or Dislosable Pecuniary Interests.		
3 MINUTES Minutes of the meetings held on 19 th November 2014 and 9 th December 2014 to be confirmed as a correct record.		7 - 30
4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS	10.05am	



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

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5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 10.20am
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 THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN 10.30am
To receive an update on the status and implementation of the Children's Services Improvement Plan.

Contributors

Lin Hazell – Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Mr David Johnston – Strategic Director, Children and Young People
Fran Gosling-Thomas – Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board.

i) Children's Services Leadership, Governance and Partnerships Workstream 10.45am

To consider leadership, governance and partnerships for Children's Services (Workstream 1 of the Children's Services Improvement Plan) with questions to the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, the Strategic Director, Children and Young People and the new Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board.

Contributors

Mr Martin Tett – Leader of the Council
Lin Hazell – Cabinet Member for Children's Services
David Johnston – Strategic Director, Children and Young People
Fran Gosling-Thomas – Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board

ii) Improving Quality of Social Work Practice 11am

To consider the progress in improving quality of social work practice

Additional Contributor:

Mrs Carol Douch, Service Director, Child and Family Service

iii) Foster Care in Buckinghamshire 11.30am

To consider foster care in Buckinghamshire, including the quality and experience of fostering, appointment of foster carers and placements strategy.

Additional Contributor:

Mrs Carol Douch, Service Director Child and Family Service

8 CHILDREN'S INTERNET SAFETY 12noon

To agree the report and recommendations of the Children's Internet Safety Select Committee Inquiry.

Contributors

Mrs Val Letheren – Chairman of the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee
Lin Hazell – Cabinet member for Children's Services
Mr Simon Billeness – Chairman of the Children's Internet Safety BSCB Subcommittee
Mr Michael Carr – Scrutiny Policy Officer

9 THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LEARNING TRUST PERFORMANCE REVIEW 12.15pm

For the Committee to receive a report and to ask questions on the performance of the Buckinghamshire Learning Trust over its first year of operation.

Contributors

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

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

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

Mr Michael Brent – Director of Finance and Resources, Bucks Learning Trust

**10 THE EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES 12.30pm 31 - 44
SELECT COMMITTEE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME
2014-15**

For the Committee to agree its updated Annual Work Programme 2014-15.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the next meeting of the Education, Skills and Children's Services Select Committee on 10 March 2015 at 10am in Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury.

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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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