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## Children and Young People's Services Select Committee

Members are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held at **10.00 am on Thursday 17 January 2013 at County Hall, Chichester.**

**Please note the earlier start time**

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### Agenda

#### Indicative Timetable

Item 1	<b>10.00 – 10.10</b>	Declarations of Interests	
Item 2		Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
Item 3		Urgent Matters	
Item 4	10.10 – 10.15	Cabinet Member Responses	4a } Responses from the 4b } Cabinet Member for 4c } Education and Schools
Item 5	10.15 – 11.30	School Funding Reform 2013/14: High Needs Block	
Item 6	11.30 – 12.45	High Needs Funding Phase 3 – Alternative Provision College	
Item 7	12.45 – 13.30	County Council Draft Budget and Performance Targets 2013 – 2016	
	13.30 – 14.15	Lunch for Members of the Committee Only	
Item 8	14.15 – 15.15	Worthing High Academy Action Group Petition	
Item 9	15.15 – 15.30	Improvement Board Update	
Item 10	15.30 – 15.35	Agreeing Task Force Membership	
Item 11	15.35 – 15.45	Requests for Call-in	
Item 12		Forward Plan	
Item 13		Members' Items	
Item 14		Date of Next Meeting	

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## **1. Declarations of Interests**

Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. (If in doubt please contact Democratic Services before the meeting).

## **2. Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2012 – [attached](#) (pink paper)

## **3. Urgent Matters**

Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances, including cases where the Committee needs to be informed of budgetary or performance issues affecting matters within its terms of reference, which have emerged since the publication of the agenda.

## **4. Cabinet Member Response(s)**

**4a** Response by the Cabinet Member for Education and Schools to the recommendations made at the meeting of the Select Committee on 7 November 2012 regarding School Funding Reform 2013/14 – Schools and Early Years Blocks – [attached](#).

**4b** Response by the Cabinet Member for Education and Schools to the recommendations made at the meeting of the Select Committee on 28 November 2012 regarding the Music Education Hub - [attached](#)

**4c** Response by the Cabinet Member for Education and Schools to the recommendations made at the meeting of the Select Committee on 28 November 2012 regarding Proposed Changes to the Education Welfare Service ([attached](#)).

## **5. School Funding Reform 2013/14: High Needs Block**

Report by Head of Learning – [attached](#).

The report outlines the amendments to the funding arrangements for pupils with low incidence high level complex special educational needs and disabilities due for implementation in April 2013. The Select Committee is asked to endorse the proposed changes and make any recommendations it considers appropriate regarding the proposals and their implementation to the Cabinet Member in advance of his decision.

To assist the Committee, representatives from a special school and a school which has a Special Support Centre will attend to answer questions about the potential impact of the proposals.

## **6. High Needs Funding Phase 3 – Alternative Provision College**

Report by Director of Communities Commissioning and Head of Learning – [attached](#).

The report sets out the changes to school funding in relation to alternative provision which will result in the creation of a multisite single entity, the West Sussex Alternative Provision College. The Select Committee is asked to support the proposed delay to the decision on proposed changes and make any recommendations it considers appropriate regarding the work to develop the proposals to the Cabinet Member in advance of his decision.

To assist the Committee, representatives from the shadow governing body for the Alternative Provision College who also have experience of mainstream primary and secondary schools will attend to answer questions about the potential impact of the proposals.

## **7. The County Council Draft Budget and Performance Targets 2013 – 2016**

Report by Director of Finance and Assurance and Director of Children's Services. ([attached](#)).

The Committee is asked to -

- i) Endorse the County Council Draft Budget for the Committee's portfolio areas for 2013/14
- ii) Endorse the Performance Framework for the Committee's portfolio areas for 2013/14
- iii) Identify any strategic issues for referral to Policy and Resources Select Committee when it considers the Draft Budget and Performance Framework on 24 January
- iv) Agree any comments or issues it wishes to the Cabinet to take into account when it considers the Draft Budget and Performance Framework on 29 January 2013

## **8. Worthing High Academy Action Group Petition**

Report by Head of Law and Governance – [attached](#).

The report explains the background and approach to this item. Members of the Committee are asked to consider the petition from the Worthing High Academy Action Group which states -

'We the undersigned request that the County Council cease its commitment to the academies programme in the light of the experiences of parents, students and staff at Worthing High School.'

## **9. Improvement Board Update**

There has not been a meeting of the Improvement Board since the last meeting of the Select Committee on 28 November 2012, therefore there is no formal report from the Director of Children's Services with this agenda. However, the Director will provide a verbal update on any significant developments to the Committee at its meeting.

No background papers.

## **10. Agreeing Task Force Membership**

At the meeting of the Committee on 28 November, it was agreed that a Task Force should be established to scrutinise the Learning Service Annual Report. Four members of the committee were appointed to sit on the Task Force – Mr Burrett (Chairman), Mrs Le Rossignol, Mr Graysmark and Dr Wilsdon, and it was agreed that additional nominations would be sought from those members of the Committee not present at that meeting. As a result, Mrs Arculus has volunteered to join the Task Force. The Committee is therefore asked to agree the revised membership of the Task Force to include Mrs Arculus.

## **11. Requests for Call-In**

There have been no requests for call-in to this Select Committee and within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting. The Head of Law and Governance will report any requests since the publication of the agenda papers.

## **12. Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

Extract from the Forward Plan, February to May 2013 – [attached](#).

An extract from any Forward Plan published between the date of despatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

## **13. Members' Items**

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Select Committee, and suitable for scrutiny, eg raised with them by constituents arising from central government initiatives etc.

#### **14. Date of the Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will be held on the 13 March 2013 at 10.30am at County Hall, Chichester.

Any Member wishing to place an item on the agenda for this must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 27 February 2013.

#### Webcasting Notice

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**To: All Members of the Children and Young People's Services Select Committee**