

## **EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL**

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel held on Friday 8 July 2011 at 5pm in the Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

(NB These minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting)

### **Present**

Councillors: Steve Wemyss (Chair)  
Paula Riches (Vice Chair)  
Margaret Adair

### **Also present**

Mike Fowler, Head of Transforming Education Services  
Mike Stoneman, 16-19 Strategy and Commissioning Manager  
Stewart Agland, Local Democracy Manager

### **32 Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 1)**

Councillor Steve Wemyss declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in that three years ago he had unsuccessfully applied for a place for his son at Springfield School.

Councillor Paula Riches declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest as she is an appointed governor of Highbury College.

### **33 Apologies for Absence (AI 2)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Eddis and Caroline Scott.

### **34 Minutes of the meetings held on 10 and 24 June 2011 (AI 3)**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 10 and 24 June be approved as a correct record.**

### **35 Review of Admissions to Springfield School having regard to the number of pupils living in the catchment area and attending feeder schools who failed to gain a place at the school for September 2011 (AI 4)**

In accordance with standing order number 32(d) which requires Notices of Motion referred for scrutiny to be reported back to full council within three scheduled meetings, the Panel met formally on three occasions. This was because the Panel was unable to meet until after 17 May due to the requirements of purdah and the need to appoint a new Panel after the local elections.

The Panel heard evidence from officers at previous meetings regarding the admissions process for Springfield School and how it was applied for the September 2011 year 7 intake. The Panel also heard evidence from representatives from the Planning Service regarding the impact of current and proposed residential development in the Springfield catchment area. The head teacher of Springfield School and the Chair of the Governing Body also gave evidence to the Panel. The Panel considered the evidence and discussed possible solutions. Initial work has been carried out on a report to the City Council. However, during the Panel's investigations, it became apparent that more time is needed to hear additional evidence and give the matter further consideration before making recommendations.

**RESOLVED that the City Council accept that the submission of scrutiny report be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of the City Council to allow additional evidence to be obtained and included in the report and the consequent recommendations to be fully worked up.**

**36 Future Topics for the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel (AI5)**

**RESOLVED that the following future review topics, drawn from the priorities contained within the Children's Trust Plan, be agreed for submission to the Scrutiny Management Panel:**

- (a) Coordinated multi-agency for families with multiple problems.**
- (b) Targeted support for children and young people who demonstrate behaviours that may put them at risk.**

**36 Date of Next Meeting (AI 6)**

**RESOLVED that the next meeting be held in September, date and time to be agreed.**

The meeting closed at 5:55pm.

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