

EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel held on Tuesday 2 July 2013 at 7.00 pm in Conference Room A, Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

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

Present

Councillors Will Purvis (In the Chair)
Darron Phillips
Luke Stubbs

Also Present

Julian Wooster, Strategic Director and Director of Children's Services

14 Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 1)

There were no declarations of interest.

15 Apologies for Absence (AI 2)

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Terry Hall, Sandra Stockdale and Ken Ferrett. Michael Robson, the Charter Academy governor representative and Helen Reader, the Teachers' Liaison Panel representative also sent their apologies for absence.

16 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2013 (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel held on 25 February 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

17 Discussion of Future Topics for Review (AI 4)

Julian Wooster suggested the following subjects:

1. Child sexual exploitation - he stated that this was a very topical theme nationally.
2. Governor strategy - the role of governors and ideas for improving governor recruitment, support and engagement, including academies.
3. Raising the age for participating in education or training - Julian suggested that as the city traditionally had no sixth forms in schools and the issue of young people who were not in employment, education or training was a concern this might be a good topic to tackle.

4. Adoption - this is a government priority and also a priority in the city of Portsmouth.

Councillor Purvis suggested a scrutiny review of how schools are using the pupil premium and whether they were using it to maximum effect.

Councillor Luke Stubbs suggested school transport should be examined because the last review of the process did not appear to have saved as much money as had been hoped.

Following a discussion, the panel members agreed the following potential review topics for submission to the Scrutiny Management Panel meeting on 4 July 2013.

1. Home to School Transport
2. Child Sexual Exploitation
3. Pupil Premium
4. Governor Strategy

The meeting concluded at 7.30 pm.

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