

AT A MEETING of the EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL held at The Castle, Winchester
on 7 DECEMBER 2016

PRESENT:

Chairman:
p Councillor Peter Edgar

Vice-Chairman:
p Councillor Rita Burgess

p Zilliah Brooks
p Roz Chadd
p Charles Choudhary
a Jacqui England

p Philip Fawkes
p Warwick Lovegrove
p Jackie Porter

Co-opted Members:

p Liz Muir
p Ian Potter

p Georgina Mulhall

151. **BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes. This did not apply to the confidential part of the meeting.

152. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr England gave her apologies.

153. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Cllr Edgar declared an interest as a Life Member of the National Association of Headteachers.

154. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

155. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman told the Panel that in the last year he has visited 94 different school's within Hampshire and he has seen marvellous work taking place during this time. The Chairman noted that even when a school is in difficulties, children are given the most incredible support.

The Chairman added that he had started to attend some end of term celebrations which had highlighted the above. However, although schools in Hampshire have improved, with 89% now good or outstanding, in partnership we will always strive to do better and the aim should be 100%.

The Chairman introduced Jennifer Watts from Legal Services, who he had invited to give a brief overview of the Code of Conduct for members.

156. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at this meeting.

157. ENSURING MORE SCHOOLS BECOME GOOD OR OUTSTANDING – THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Panel received a presentation from the Director of Children's Services, on the role of the Local Authority in ensuring more schools become good or outstanding (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

The Panel heard that while Schools are self-governing organisations, responsible for securing good standards and performance, the local authority does have statutory powers around school improvement. This is the ability to serve a warning notice to the school governors if performance is consistently low and if the school fails to comply with this then additional governors, or an interim executive board, can be appointed.

The Panel were informed of how Hampshire's school improvement team facilitate the leadership and learning partner review (LLPR) process. This is an annual risk assessment of all schools on the basis of their performance with immediate action in cases of significant underperformance. In any one year there will be approximately 10 to 15 high priority schools and 60 to 70 medium priority.

158. PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS IN HAMPSHIRE CAUSING CONCERN

The Panel received and noted a report of the Director of Children's Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) identifying the schools in Hampshire that are currently judged inadequate by Ofsted or below Government floor standards.

159. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That in relation to the following items, the press and public be excluded from the meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of proceedings, that if members of the public were present during those items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and further that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information for the reasons set out in the exempt minutes and appendix.

160. EXEMPT MINUTES

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 5 October June 2016 (Item 9 in the Minute Book) were confirmed as a correct record. On this basis, the Exempt Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

161. PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS IN HAMPSHIRE CAUSING CONCERN (EXEMPT APPENDIX)

The Panel considered an exempt verbal update to Item 7 on the Agenda from the Director of Children's Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book) on schools in Hampshire that are currently judged inadequate by Ofsted or below Government's floor standards.

Members of the Panel discussed in detail issues relating to those schools shown in this report.

[SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE]