

AT A MEETING of the EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL held at The Castle, Winchester
on 1 MARCH 2017

PRESENT:

Chairman:
p Councillor Peter Edgar

Vice-Chairman:
p Councillor Rita Burgess

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

a Philip Fawkes
p Warwick Lovegrove
p Jackie Porter

Co-opted Members:
p Liz Muir
p Ian Potter

p Georgina Mulhall

163. 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.

164. APOLOGIES

Cllr Brooks & Cllr Fawkes gave their apologies.

165. 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.

Ian Potter declared an interest in relation to Brune Park Community School due to his role of Executive Head Teacher at Bay House School and left the room for the relevant discussions.

166. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

167. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman shared his experience attending an event by the St John Cass Foundation in London. The Chairman explained that ties had been established between the foundation and the County Council and there was now an arrangement to keep the Wales Mountain Centre open.

The Chairman stated that Secondary School admissions had been sent out and Hampshire had 93% of Year 7 pupils going to their first choice and 98% going to one of their three choices of schools. The County Council received 13, 515 applications and the Chairman noted that 18,275 places needed to be found by 2020; a target that was on course to be met.

The Chairman told the panel that he had been to three meetings in relation to the new funding formula for schools. Hampshire will receive more money overall but Schools with under 200 pupils are at risk due to the proposed distribution.

The Chairman added that in 2016 it was proposed to double the PE and Sport premium but this is no longer going to take place. Instead there will be a £415 Million Health Pupils and Capital Programme which Local Authorities will decide how to distribute.

168. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at this meeting.

169. CHARACTER EDUCATION

The Panel received a presentation from the Director of Children's Services, on the role of the Local Authority in delivering Character Education (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

The Panel heard that Character Education was not a new idea and had been around in different forms for some time. Primarily, it involves equipping young people with the characteristics it is thought they will need to generally succeed in life and develop their resiliency.

The Panel were told that schools take their own approach to this subject by teaching through Philosophy or citizenship focuses and that it is a much broader goal than the 'core' subjects linked to qualifications.

Officers told members that 'Rights Respecting Education' is a Hampshire Children and young people's plan 2015-2018 priority "to help children become responsible citizens, understand and promote their own rights and responsibilities and respect the rights of others."

The Panel noted that Character is thought to be 'caught' and not 'taught' and therefore researchers put emphasis on the importance of ethos and atmosphere of environments.

Officers explained that the next steps were to;

- Develop intelligent and sensitive conversation with schools.
- Offer opportunities to revitalise existing strengths in Rights Respecting Education and other lines of thinking.
- Prepare to capitalise on any appropriate opportunities arising from DFE initiatives.

In relation to questions members heard that;

- Character Education was linked to teaching Life Skills and the move to teach Sex education at a younger age, along with teaching Humanism in Religious Education.
- While there was a link to individual's community and family life, schools aimed not to doubly disadvantage children.

170. 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.

171. 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.

172. EXEMPT MINUTES

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 7 December (Item 9 in the Minute Book) were confirmed as a correct record. On this basis, the Exempt Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

173. 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]