

AT A MEETING of the EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL held at The Castle, Winchester on 22 June 2011.

PRESENT:

Councillors P. Edgar (Chairman); B.D. Dash; K.D. Evans; M. Kemp-Gee; R.J. Kimber; R. McIntosh; Mrs J. Porter

Co-opted Members: Mr. D. Walker, Mr D Myers; Mr D. Mewes

47. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Collin. Councillor F. Allgood had stepped down from this Panel since becoming Vice-Chairman of the Council and therefore a vacancy currently existed.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that, where they believed they had a personal or personal prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should, normally at the time of the debate, declare their interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code.

With relation to all items on the agenda, Councillor Edgar declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as life member of the National Association of Headteachers.

49. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

50. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman reported on his attendance at a conference held at Speaker's House in London which was organised by care agencies thanking businesses for its sponsorship given to the care of young people.

The Chairman also reported on his attendance at a Public/Private Schools conference held at Wellington Academy in Wiltshire, in particular highlighting its impressive facilities and its academy sponsorship.

51. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made under this item.

52. **PUPIL PREMIUM**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Children's Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) on the Pupil Premium being paid to schools for each child in care and each Armed Services child.

The Director for Children's Services reported that the grant (service family premium - £200 per child p.a and the looked after child premium - £430 p.a) was expected to enable schools to provide additional support in order to improve the educational attainment of children in care and those children living in conditions of deprivation and to provide additional emotional and pastoral support for children of Service families.

It was anticipated that the pupil premium would provide schools with the resources with which to address inequalities in the system and raise the attainment of those pupils from low income families and those who are in care. It would be for the schools to decide how the Premium was spent.

The Panel were advised that from September 2012, the Government would require schools to publish information online on how the premium was spent which would ensure parents and others were made aware of the progress and attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.

It was agreed that all Hampshire Governors should be made aware of this programme and an item be included in the next Governors mailshot.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel noted the report and agreed that an article be included in the next mailshot sent to Hampshire Governors.

53. **ACADEMIES IN HAMPSHIRE**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Children's Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) on the current position regarding academies both nationally and within Hampshire.

The Director reported on the current picture regarding academies and explained the difference between sponsored and converter academies. Members were also advised on the process which schools must follow in order to achieve academy status.

It was noted that currently Hampshire had one sponsored academy, Havant Academy (formerly Staunton Community Sports College) and that Everest Community College would become another in September 2011.

The report also highlighted a list (paragraph 6.4 of the report) which currently included eight converter academies and 17 Hampshire schools who had applied

to convert. It was noted this list was ever evolving and additional schools would need to be added. It was therefore agreed to circulate a revised list to Members.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel noted the report and that a revised list of schools which had applied for academy status be circulated to Members.

54. PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS IN EASTERN HAMPSHIRE CAUSING CONCERN

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Children's Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book) identifying the schools in eastern Hampshire that were causing concern.

The Director introduced the report first explaining that since 1 March 2011, the County Council's school improvement area had been divided into two areas from three. In noting this, Members asked whether reducing the areas from three to two, would reduce the amount of meetings held during the year. The Director advised this matter would be discussed with the Chairman accordingly.

RESOLVED:

To note the schools identified in the report.

55. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That, in relation to the following item 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 the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to 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 report.

56. PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS IN EASTERN HAMPSHIRE CAUSING CONCERN

The Panel considered the exempt appendix of the Director of Children's Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book) on schools in Eastern Hampshire causing concern.

Members discussed in detail issues relating to those schools.

[SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE]