

AT A MEETING of the EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL held at The Castle,  
Winchester on 08 October 2014

**PRESENT:**

Chairman:  
p Councillor Peter Edgar

Vice-Chairman:  
p Councillor Rita Burgess

p Roz Chadd  
p Charles Choudhary  
p Ferris Cowper  
a Jacqui England

a Jackie Porter  
p Fawkes  
p Lovegrove

Co-opted Members: Carolyn Clarke (for David Mewes) and Liz Muir

49. **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 would not apply to the confidential part of the meeting.

50. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jacqui England and Jackie Porter. Councillor Malcolm Wade attended the meeting as the Liberal Democrat Substitute for Councillor Porter.

51. **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.

No declarations were made at the meeting.

52. **MINUTES**

The non- exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman reported on £3.2m of Government funding, matched by the County Council, which had been spent on the delivery of the free school meals programme in Hampshire schools. He also advised that the take up on the number of free school meals had risen from 40,000 to 60,000 per day.

Members were advised of the Chairman's attendance at the recent opening of a new £8m academy, Berewood in Waterlooville, which was part of the 3-year £149m Department for Education funding to provide 8,000 additional primary school places in Hampshire. Hampshire County Council had played a leading role in the delivery of this project. It is an excellent example of County Council partnership working with local agencies and the Government.

The Chairman also reported on the opening of CEMAST (Centre for Engineering and Manufacturing Advanced Skills Training) facility for Fareham College and situated on the former HMS Daedalus site. The Centre was established to plug the skills gap in southern Hampshire.

Finally, it was noted there had been confusion over the marking of GCSE results and that several schools had challenged this. A review of these was currently being undertaken and amended results would need to be considered when known.

54. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made under this item.

55. **PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS IN WESTERN HAMPSHIRE CAUSING CONCERN**

The Panel received and noted a report of the Director of Children's Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) identifying the schools in Western Hampshire that were in special measures, having serious weaknesses or below Government floor standards.

56. **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 report.

**57. EXEMPT MINUTES**

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

**58. PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS IN WESTERN HAMPSHIRE CAUSING CONCERN**

The Panel considered the exempt appendix to Item 6 on the Agenda from the Director of Children's Services (Item 9 in the Minute Book) on schools in Western Hampshire that were in special measures, having serious weaknesses or below Government's floor standards.

Members discussed in detail issues relating to those schools.

[SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE]