

AT A MEETING of the EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL held at The Castle, Winchester on 10 December 2014

**PRESENT:**

Chairman:  
p Councillor Peter Edgar

Vice-Chairman:  
a Councillor Rita Burgess

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

a Jackie Porter  
p Philip Fawkes  
p Warwick Lovegrove

Co-opted Members: Carolyn Clarke and Liz Muir

**59. 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.

**60. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rita Burgess and Jackie Porter (on other County Council business) and Ferris Cowper (on other urgent business).

**61. 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.

Liz Muir declared a personal interest in Cove School and Carolyn Clarke in Newtown Primary School (Agenda Item 7).

**62. MINUTES**

The non-exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2014 (Item 3 in the Minute Book) were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**63. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman reported that primary schools in Hampshire were rated by OFSTED as being in the top 5 regionally and in the top 10% nationally. Hampshire had achieved a good rating overall under tougher measures from OFSTED. The County Council has also enabled the Isle of Wight Council to improve its standards from "inadequate" to "required improvement".

Finally, the Chairman advised Members he had attended 46 scheduled events since the last Panel meeting took place, many of which were visits to schools academies and attending conferences.

**64. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

**65. EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Children's Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) on the outcomes for children within the Early Years Foundation Stage, actions being undertaken in 2014/15 and future priorities for the service.

The Director reported that the County Council were markedly ahead of the national percentage figure for children achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) of 67%, the national average being 60%. During discussion, it was noted that the GLD score in 2014 had risen by 8% compared to this score given in 2013. It was also noted that the gap in attainment between all children and the bottom 20% had narrowed for the fourth consecutive year and was now 8.2% (not 3.2 as stated in the report) narrower than the national average at 25.7%. This placed Hampshire in the top 15 Local Authorities.

The Panel were encouraged with the details of the report and thanked Officers for their hard work in achieving these outcomes. During discussion, Members agreed to receive a report at the next meeting on an evaluation of the County Council's School Improvement Team.

**66. PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS IN EASTERN 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 Eastern Hampshire that were in special measures, having serious weaknesses or below Government floor standards.

**67. 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.

**68. EXEMPT MINUTES**

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2014 (Item 9 in the Minute Book) were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

The Panel considered the exempt appendix to Item 7 on the Agenda from the Director of Children's Services (Item 10 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]