

AT A MEETING of the EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL held at The Castle, Winchester on 7 October 2015

PRESENT:

Chairman:
p Councillor Peter Edgar

Vice-Chairman:
p Councillor Rita Burgess

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

p Philip Fawkes
p Warwick Lovegrove
p Jackie Porter

Co-opted Members:
p Carolyn Clarke
p Liz Muir

93. 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.

94. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received on this occasion.

95. 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.

96. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

97. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chairman reported that he had undertaken 140 education engagements around Hampshire since the Panel last met, around 70 of which were visits to schools. He also advised Members that he had been working with the Department for Education in relation to the new form of Free Schools/Academies.

The Chairman also reported on his visit to Vector Aerospace and its apprenticeship scheme.

98. **DEPUTATIONS**

No deputations were received at this meeting.

99. **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.

100. **2015 EXAMINATION AND TEST TRENDS**

The Panel received a verbal presentation from the Director of Children's Services on 2015 examination results and test trends. Members heard details of results over the four key stages of education; Early Years, KS2, KS4 and KS5.

Councillor Jackie Porter declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as a Trustee of Kings Worthy Pre-School.

Members heard that results were generally positive, with Hampshire's expected results being higher than last year's national average. It was noted that nationally at KS4, English results were being re-marked which may have an effect on some schools within the County. It was noted that this year would be the last year where figures for military families would be reported separately.

A number of matters relating to the results were discussed and it was confirmed that Early Years assessments included areas such as physical development and

school readiness. Levels of achievement being reached by Children in receipt of free school meals were questioned and the Panel noted that this differed across Key stages and regionally. It was explained that work had been undertaken by the County Council to bring parents back into education, which would not only build their aspirations but would also allow them to better support their children's education.

101. 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.

102. EXEMPT MINUTES

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2015 (Item 9 in the Minute Book) were confirmed as a correct record, subject to correction of a typographical error with regard to Cove School, to replace "not" with "now". On this basis, the Exempt Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

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

The Panel received an exempt appendix and verbal update to Item 6 on the Agenda from the Director of Children's Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book) on schools in Hampshire that were in special measures, having serious weaknesses 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]