

# Summary

- What are Children's Services
- Who we are
- Isle of Wight (briefly)
- Working with Select



# The statutory Role of the Director of Children's Services

- Children Act 2004 – Re-asserted by new Statutory Guidance
- Professional responsibility and accountability for all LA Children's Services – largely education and social care
- Leadership within and beyond LA to secure change and improve outcomes for children
- Building partnerships to improve outcomes

## **Lead Member**

- Political accountability for the above
- Focus on safeguarding and welfare

# Children's Services Departmental Management Team



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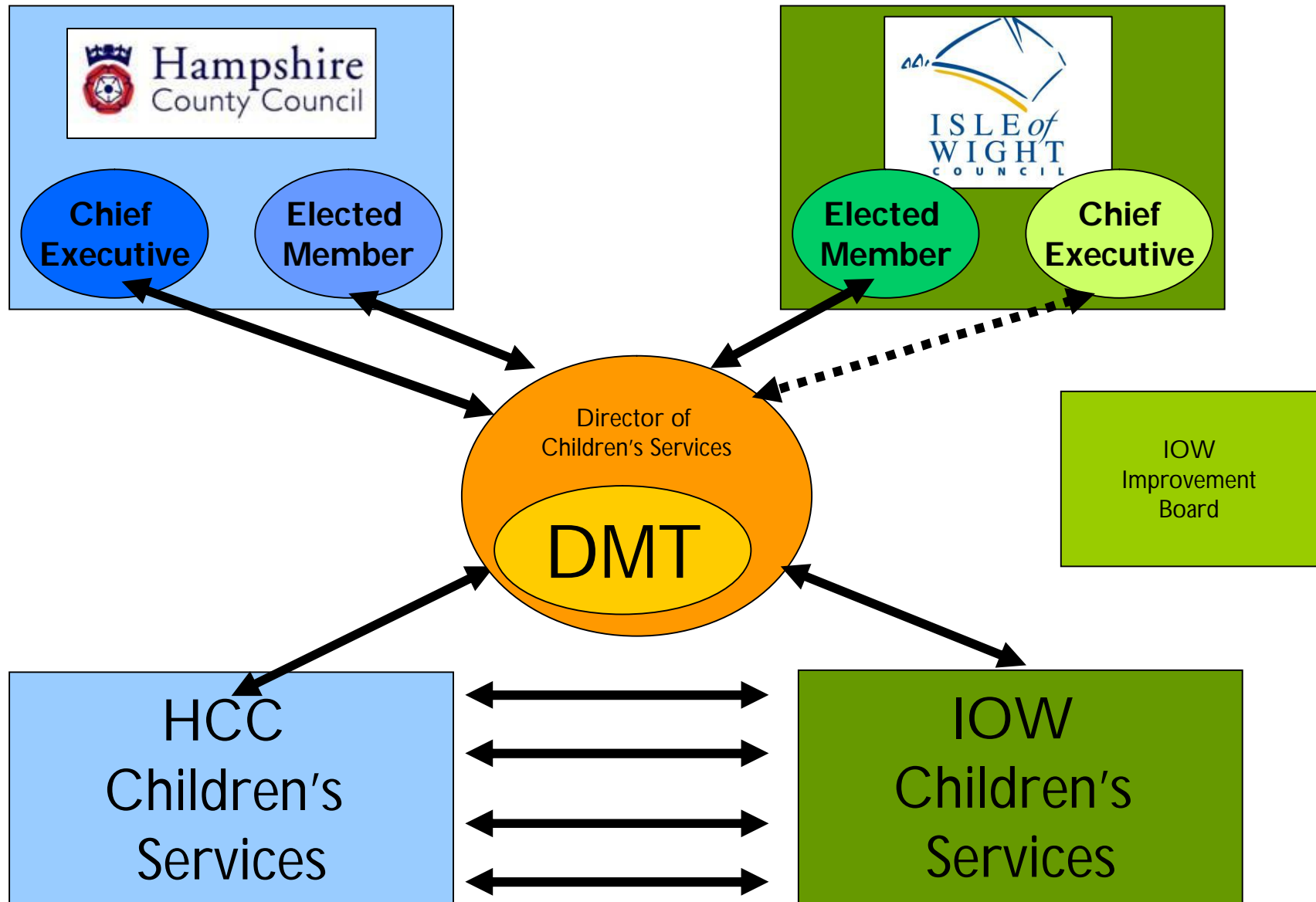
# What are Children's Services –

- Children and Families
- Education and Inclusion
- Access Performance and Resources

“A whole system for Children”

# Isle of Wight - What and How?

- Political and Legal accountabilities stay with IWC
- All operational responsibility and authority to HCC Children's Services Department
- All Children's Services as per Children Act 2004
- HCC managers to 'populate' existing key vacancies over time
- IWC staff remain – no TUPE as yet
- Allied services to be negotiated
- The example and potential of Hants Direct



# Working with Select

- The agendas are massive and complex
- We will work hard to support, explain and respond
- Staying focussed is hard but essential
- It's inevitably political - but shouldn't be politicised