Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 6th February, 2008.

Present: Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr Phillip Broughton, Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr Gibson (vice Cllr Coleman), Cllr Miss Barbara Inman, Cllr Alan Lewis, Cllr Andrew Sherris.

Officers: G Birtle, F Shayler (LD), J Morrison (CESC).

Also in attendance: Mr G Davies (Non Voting Co-opted Representatives)

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Coleman; Mr D Campbell.

1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Cains declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 3 - Review of School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

Councillor Frankland declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 3 - Review of School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

Councillor Lewis declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 3 - Review of School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

Mr Davies declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 3 - Review of School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

2 Review of School Organisation Plan

Members were provided with evidence from Matthew Clifford, Principal Planning Officer, Spatial Planning. A briefing paper had been provided to Members on The Role of Planning in Pupil Projections.

Members were informed that data was provided by the JSU to the Spatial Planning Section in the form of a rolling spreadsheet, it was complex information that was used to inform pupil projections.

Information was provided to Members providing detail of current housing applications and developments made prior to March 2007. The information was broken down into the development name/area and the total no. of dwellings. Members requested that the information be broken down further to provide detail on house type/no. of bedrooms to provide an indication of family size, this would ensure that the information was more meaningful to this Review.

Also, as the information received only detailed developments/planning applications prior to March 2007, Members were concerned that large developments such as 'Allensway' and 'Durham Road Bypass' were not included within this.

Members were informed that the Strategic Land Availability Assessment was a living document that was updated on an annual basis and was used in planning for Schools and Transport systems for the future.

Members were informed that better quality data was now available for Ingleby Barwick although house types for Village 6 were not available as yet.

CONCLUDED that further upto date data be provided indicating house types/no. of bedrooms for each development.

3 Work Programme

Members were informed that the next meeting to be held on 13th February 2008 would be to receive evidence from Julia Morrison, Head of School Effectiveness on the Proposals for Building

Schools for the Future.

CONCLUDED that the work programme be noted.