

# Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 13th February, 2008.

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

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

**Also in attendance:** Mr Davies and Mr Campbell (Non Voting Co-opted Representatives)

**Apologies:** None

## 1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Frankland declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 - School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

Councillor Coleman declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 - School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

Councillor Lewis declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 - School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

Councillor Mrs Cains declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 - School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

Councillor Sherris declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 - School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

Mr Campbell declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 - School Organisation Plan further to being a Head Teacher.

Mr Davies declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 - School Organisation Plan further to being a School Governor.

## 2 Draft Minutes - 30th January 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

## 3 Review of School Organisation Plan

Members were provided with an overview of the Proposals for Building Schools for the Future (BSF). Cabinet had been presented with a report regarding these proposals on 11th February, 2008 and had recommended that Officers prepare a draft BSF Strategy for Change Part 1 for discussion with Government and that the following preferred options for school organisation be included:-

1. North Stockton should have two secondary schools. The Norton School and Blakeston School should be replaced by an 11-16 Academy with 900 places. Bishopsgarth School should be refurbished for 750 (plus special unit for students with physical disability).

2. Central Stockton should have three schools with some shared facilities on a single campus (subject to a Transport Impact and Mitigation Assessment). Governance arrangements for these schools (Grangefield, Ian Ramsey, and Our Lady & St Bede's) will remain unchanged. Total capacity would be 2,850 places.

3. The Authority will aim to retain three schools in Billingham. St Michael's Catholic School would be transferred to a new building on the Billingham Campus site. Campus would be replaced by an 11-16 Academy. Northfield School would be refurbished on its present site. School sizes will be

subject to further discussion.

4. In the South of the Borough, an 11-16 Academy, possibly with co-located community and Catholic provision, will be explored. All Saints School in Ingleby Barwick would be enlarged from 600 to at least 750 places. Conyers School would be refurbished on its present site for 1,050 students (plus sixth form). Eggescliffe School would transfer to a new building at Allens West for 1,050 students (plus sixth form).

The draft Strategy for Change Part 1 will be developed in a series of meetings with government agencies, the draft timetable being as follows:-

19 February - Pre engagement meeting - first formal talks with government  
April - Remit meeting - first draft Strategy discussed  
May-June - Consultation to finalise draft Strategy  
Late June - Cabinet meeting to approve final strategy  
July - Strategy Submitted to Government

Members held discussion on issues such as the consultation process, current school performance and retention of staff. It was stated that prior to the round of statutory consultation that more contact and advertising would be made through local Councillors if they were agreeable. It was anticipated that open meetings would be held in Schools and that the format of the meetings would need to be given further consideration. A full analysis of the previous round of consultation had been carried out and it was hoped that the issues that had arose from this would be resolved.

CONCLUDED that the report and comments be noted.

#### **4 Work Programme**

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 28th February, 2008 at 5.00pm. A tripartite meeting would be held on 5th March, 2008.

CONCLUDED that the work programme be noted.