

# Children & Young People Select Committee

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

**Present:** Cllr David Harrington (Chairman), Cllr David Coleman, Cllr Mick Eddy, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Cllr Miss Barbara Inman; Mr M.Frank (Diocesan Representative).

**Officers:** J.Morrison (CESC); G.Birtle, N.Hart (LD).

**Also in attendance:** Mr D.Campbell, Mr G.Davies (Non Voting Co-opted Representatives).

**Apologies:** were submitted on behalf of Councillors Broughton, Mrs Cains, Lewis and Sherris.

## 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.

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 **Appointment of Diocesan Representative**

The Committee was introduced to Mr Malcolm Frank; who was the newly appointed Roman Catholic Diocesan Representative appointed by the Hexham Diocese. Mr Frank had been appointed to this Committee as a voting member for all issues regarding education.

CONCLUDED that the appointment be noted and Mr Frank be welcomed as a member of the Select Committee.

## 3 **Draft Minutes - 5th February and 13th February, 2008**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 6th and 13th February 2008 were approved and would be forwarded to Council.

## 4 **Review of School Organisation Plan**

The Chairman outlined for Members the various stages of the Committee's scrutiny review and the sources of the evidence provided.

Comments were invited on each of the issues and actions identified during this process; and suggestions submitted regarding future recommendations. It was proposed that the Committee's findings and suggested recommendations be encapsulated in a draft report and circulated to members for comment, prior to tripartite discussion, and then further consideration by this Committee at its next meeting on the 27th March 2008.

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## 5 **Work Programme**

Consideration was given to potential topics for future scrutiny review for 2008/9. It was noted that all members had been invited to submit suggestions for review by 7th March 2008.

It was suggested by the Committee that the issue of Extended Schools be forwarded for consideration.

CONCLUDED that the proposed topic for scrutiny review be forwarded to the Scrutiny Liaison Forum for consideration.