

AT A MEETING of the Education Advisory Panel of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
COUNCIL held at the castle, Winchester on Monday, 24th June, 2019

Chairman:
Councillor Ray Bolton

p Councillor Zilliah Brooks
a Councillor Jackie Branson
p Councillor Fran Carpenter
p Councillor Gavin James

p Councillor Kirsty North
p Councillor Jackie Porter
p Councillor Patricia Stallard
a Councillor Michael Westbrook

Co-opted members

a Tony Markham, Hampshire Primary Schools
p Joanna West, Hampshire Secondary Schools
a Rob Thompson, Hampshire Special Schools
Catherine Hobbs, Catholic Diocese
Reverend Jeff Williams, Church of England Diocese
p Georgina Mulhall, Hampshire Teacher's Liaison Panel
p Ian Potter, Hampshire Teacher's Liaison Panel

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Bolton and Cllr Westbrook. Cllr Brooks chaired the meeting and Cllr Edgar was in attendance as the Conservative deputy.

48. 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.

None were received.

49. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed.

50. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received.

51. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

52. POST 16 EDUCATION

The Education Advisory Panel received a presentation from the Director of Children's Services in relation to the education of 16 & 17 year olds.

The panel heard how young people have a choice of how they continue in education or training post-16; study in a school or college, full time work or volunteering alongside part-time education or an apprenticeship.

The panel noted the Hampshire Skills Strategy & Investment Plan which set a vision for 2030 and established three priorities. These included;

- Priority 1 – A future-ready Hampshire – matching skills supply and demand and driving forward productivity for a prosperous and resilient economy.
- Priority 2 – An inclusive local labour market that develops talent and maximises opportunity for all our communities.
- Priority 3 – A high quality skills infrastructure and facilities to raise aspiration and achievement; meet employer demand and create industry standard training in our post 16 sector.

In response to questions members heard that;

- Many 16 & 17 year olds retake English and Maths GCSEs
- Extra support is provided for Care Leavers and a 'Virtual College' is being established to support them.

Resolved: That the Education Advisory Panel note the contents of the report.

53. EDUCATION OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

The Education Advisory Panel received a presentation from the Director of Children's Services in relation to the education of Looked After Children. The Panel received an overview of the role of the Virtual School, which works proactively with others to create a culture of high expectation and aspiration for Looked After Children. The Virtual School also ensures that each child has a Personal Education Plan which identifies their individual needs and helps to act as the Corporate Parent for these children.

The Panel received an overview of the performance results for Children in Care alongside a detailed list of the current priorities for the Virtual School and Looked After Children.

In response to questions members heard that;

- Schools for Looked After Children are selected based on guidance from the Department for Education, and therefore children are not evenly spread between schools.

- Independent Reviewing Officers can make suggestions in relation to school placements which are considered carefully.
- The system used for allocating funding for schools is regularly reviewed to ensure it is effective.

Resolved: That the Education Advisory Panel note the contents of the report.

Chairman, Education Advisory Panel