

minutes



Meeting EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN ATTAINMENT AND TARGET
SELECT COMMITTEE

Date Monday, 30th October 2006 (commencing at 3.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

	Sybil Fielding	Edward Llewellyn-Jones
	Keith Girling	Philip Owen
A	Paul Henshaw	Martin Suthers
A	Pat Lally	Brian Wombwell
A	Ellie Lodziak	

CO-OPTED MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS

A Mrs Paula Burbage
Mr Ken Daly
Mr David Richards
A Mrs Lorraine Wooding

NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Joe Jeffries
Catherine McCready

ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was agreed that Councillor Edward Llewellyn-Jones be elected Chair of the Select Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

It was agreed that Councillor Martin Suthers be appointed Vice-Chair of the Select Committee.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

It was reported orally that Joe Jeffries and Catherine McCready had been appointed as non-voting Co-opted Members of the Select Committee.

It was agreed that the membership of the Select Committee be noted.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Ellie Lodziak (on other County Council business)
Mrs P Burbidge
Mrs L Wooding

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Mr Daly declared that he was a headteacher in a secondary school in the county.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

Councillor Llewellyn-Jones indicated that it was proposed to accept the thrust of what the previous Select Committee had arrived at in their report. He commented that this review allowed the Select Committee to take a further step and look at other schools. He added that they were to add information and not change the original report. Mr Richards asked whether the Select Committee would be making comparisons with other counties or whether they were looking at best practice. Councillor Llewellyn-Jones commented that the schools in Nottinghamshire last time had been visited prior to the out of county visits so there was no opportunity to see if schools in Nottinghamshire reflected the practice elsewhere. It was hoped to pick 4 schools in Nottinghamshire to visit to see if the aspects of good practice elsewhere were reflected in their practice.

Councillor Girling felt that Local Strategic Partnerships should be consulted as part of the review. Councillor Llewellyn-Jones thought that it would not be easy to establish the reasons Nottinghamshire did not do as well as its statistical neighbours.

The scope for the review and the work programme for the Select Committee were agreed subject to the inclusion of consultation with Local Strategic Partnerships.

RESPONSE TO ORIGINAL EDP STUDY GROUP REPORT

Consideration was given to the response from the Children and Young People's Service Department to the Study Group report. A briefing for the 2006 national GCSE (and equivalent) and GCE/VCE A/AS (and equivalent) examination results was circulated. The Chair indicated that it was proposed to visit the following schools:- Manor, Kimberley, Redhill and Tuxford. There was a discussion about which Members should be allocated to attend the visits. There was also a discussion about the questions to be asked on the visits.

It was agreed

(1) that visits be made to the following schools:

Manor School – 3rd November at 9.00 am. Councillor Philip Owen*, Martin Suthers, Catherine McCready and Edward Llewellyn-Jones

Kimberley School - 14th November at 2.00 pm. Joe Jeffries, Catherine McCready, Brian Wombwell* and Edward Llewellyn-Jones.

Redhill School - 16th November at 9.30 am. Keith Girling, Brian Wombwell, Ken Daly, David Richards* and Edward Llewellyn-Jones

Tuxford School - 16th November 2006 at 2.00 pm. Brian Wombwell, David Richards, Martin Suthers, Keith Girling* and Edward Llewellyn-Jones.

* - the Member to feedback on the findings of the visit.

(2) That a set of questions or key themes for which answers will be sought on the visits to schools be prepared by the Scrutiny Officer in consultation with the Head of Secondary Improvement in the Children and Young People's Services Department, and the Chair of the Select Committee.

The meeting closed at 4.16 pm.

CHAIR

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