
MEETING	EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	11 SEPTEMBER 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS KIRK (CHAIR), ALEXANDER, GUNNELL, HYMAN, MERRETT, WISEMAN (SUBSTITUTE), MR J BAILEY AND DR D SELLICK
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS BROOKS AND MORLEY

12. Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business agenda.

The following general personal non-prejudicial interests were declared:

Councillor Hyman as chair of governors at Huntington Primary School.

Dr D Sellick as a governor of Derwent Infant and Junior School.

Mr J Bailey as a governor of Huntington School and Huntington Primary School.

13. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

14. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

15. Possible Education Scrutiny Topics

Members discussed the possibility of a new scrutiny topic, The Role of School Governors. To help make a decision Members received a presentation from the Governance Services Manager, which covered the following:

- The Role of Governors
- School Governor Training Programme
- Service Agreement
- National Benchmarking of Governor Services
- Clerking Service
- Support for Governors

Members discussed in detail possible valuable areas for review within this specific topic. They also heard from the Executive Member for Children's Services, who attended the meeting to identify potential useful areas for Scrutiny review. The Executive Member endorsed proposals for undertaking a review of the Role of School Governors, particularly with regard to extended schools and the joint area review coming up in January 2008.

- RESOLVED: (i) That a report be received at the next meeting on a potential remit for reviewing the topic relating to School Governors as originally registered by the former Cllr Kind.
- (ii) That authority be sought from the Scrutiny Management Committee to incur appropriate expenditure on undertaking a suitable survey as part of a consultative process associated with the review.
- (iii) That a report be received at an early meeting of the Committee with details of a proposed survey and associated costs.
- (iv) That the Executive Member for Children's Services be invited to periodically attend future meetings to discuss beneficial Scrutiny reviews.

REASON: To ensure any decision on whether to proceed with a review is fully informed.

CLLR M KIRK

Chair of Scrutiny Committee

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.30 pm.