



AGENDA

SELECT COMMITTEE - EXTENDED SERVICES

Thursday, 24th June, 2010, at 1.00 pm

Ask for: **Theresa Grayell/
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**Swale 3, Sessions House, County Hall,
Maidstone**

Tea/Coffee will be available 15 minutes before the start of the meeting in the meeting room

Membership

Mr R B Burgess (Chairman), Mrs A D Allen, Mr A R Chell, Mrs J Law, Mr R J Parry, Mr K Pugh, Mr K Smith and Mr M J Vye

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

1.00 - 1.45 Interview with **Alan Milner**, Service Director, Parents Consortium
pm (Pages 1 - 4)

After the first interview, there will be a one hour interval. The public part of the meeting will then continue at 3.00 pm

3.00 - 3.45 Interview with **Marisa White**, Head of Extended Services, and
pm Sean Carter, Extended Services Lead Manager, KCC (Pages 5 - 6)

4.00 - 4.45 Interview with **Nigel Baker**, Head of Kent Youth Service (Pages 7
pm - 8)

EXEMPT ITEMS

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

At the end of the second public session, Members of the Committee should remain in the meeting room for 20 minutes for summing up

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Alan Milner, Service Director, Parents Consortium

Biography

Alan's role, as Service Director, is to provide overall strategic leadership, management, development & coordination to a range of services for disabled children and their families from across the Gravesham, Dartford and Swanley areas in his position. The current membership of the organisation stands at 1,000 families. From 2007 Alan took on the responsibility of the development of a Children & Families Direct Payments Support Scheme which operates across Kent. This has borne great success, with almost 700 families now using direct payments.

Alan has a lived experience of disability as a wheelchair user himself, which has been used proactively in championing the rights of disabled people. Most notable, Alan has been a former Chair of the London partnership of the national disability organisation SCOPE, and from 1999 to 2004 Chair of the National Association of Disabled Supporters. Alan was invited as a key note speaker to address a delegation of European MEP's in Brussels around inclusive practice within sport. Alan currently sits on the Football Associations Disability Equality Advisory Group.

Alan also brings the experience and understanding as a parent of a disabled young person to his work, as his 20 year old son Matthew has severe learning difficulties. Alan knows only too well that life is incredibly tough for families with a disabled child, and feels fortunate that he has been able to transfer his experience in bringing about real change to the lives of families through his work at the Parents Consortium.

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Witness Guide for Members

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Themes and Questions

Alan Milner, Service Director, Parents Consortium

1. Please introduce yourself and describe the roles and responsibilities that your position involves.
2. What is the Parents Consortium? What services does it provide?
3. In your experience, what are the main benefits - if any - that extended services bring about to pupils and to the local community?
4. In your view, what are the main challenges for schools and other providers when offering extended services to pupils and to the local community?
5. What are the main challenges for disabled children in accessing extended services?
6. In your opinion, in what ways can all these challenges be overcome?
7. In your opinion, what models of provision should be adopted in order to organise and deliver extended services in the County?
8. In what ways, if any, may the reduction of Government funding for Extended Services and the possible shrinking of the Extended Services Team affect extended services provision in Kent?
9. In your opinion, in what ways can Kent County Council, together with schools and other providers of extended services, organise a more efficient delivery of extended services and ensure the sustainability of these services into the future?
10. Are there any issues or questions in relation to extended services that you would like to raise with the Select Committee?

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Marisa White, Head of Extended Services, Children, Families and Education Directorate, Kent County Council

Sean Carter, Extended Services Lead Manager, Project Lead of Community Use of Schools project, and Education Directorate Extended Services Select Committee Lead, Kent County Council

1. Can you suggest innovative and creative ways for Kent County Council (KCC) to deliver effective extended services in the County, given the substantial reduction in funding and staff in the Extended Services Team?
2. If it was necessary to select and prioritise on the delivery of some extended services over others, which extended services would you choose, and on what areas would you focus your attention?
3. Are there other authorities in the Country with similar funding and staffing issues that are being successful in providing effective extended services with fewer resources?
4. What can KCC do to promote and strengthen cooperation amongst schools, and between schools and other organisations involved in extended services?
5. In your opinion, how helpful would it be if all schools in Kent were urged to undertake an accreditation scheme in extended services, like the one offered by Canterbury Christ Church University?
6. In what ways can the role of the voluntary sector be enhanced in order to provide and support extended services?
7. What will be the role of the Extended Services Team if its size and capacity are severely reduced? How will existing extended service

provision be coordinated in the absence of Extended Service Development Managers and extended service coordinators?

8. What funding will be available to schools and to other extended service providers, and what funding can they bid for, after March 2011?
9. How can transport between schools be improved, in order to enable students to access extended services offered by different schools in the same locality?
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Extended Services Select Committee Lead, Kent County Council**

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