

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28th February, 2008

PRESENT – Councillor Hughes (in the Chair); Councillors Armstrong, Francis, Lawton, Long and Walker. (6)

STATUTORY CO-OPTEES – None. (0)

NON-STATUTORY CO-OPTEES – Mr. R. Egan and Mr. N. Rees. (2)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – George McQueen, Assistant Director - Planning and Resources, Children’s Services and Paula Jamieson, Sustainable Development Officer, Chief Executive’s Department.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Dr. Krista McKinzey, Climate Change Schools Project Officer for the Science Learning Centre North East.

APOLOGIES – Councillors Davies, Galletley, Lister, Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mr. D. Moyes and Mr T. Fisher. (7)

ABSENT – Canon S. Bamber, Mr. M. Frank, Ms. S. Robinson and Mrs. H. Ellis. (4)

SCHOOLS REPRESENTED -

Bishopton and Redmarshall Primary – Mr. Parker, Joe Lawson and Neesha Kara.

Dodmire Primary – Mr. Clifton

Harrowgate Hill Primary – Mr. Temby, Jordan Ashton and Lauren Wilson

Red Hall Primary – Mrs. Swainston

St Tereas’s Primary – Mrs Lyndsey, Jamie-Lee Smith and Megan Paker

Branksome Comprehensive – Mr Coin, Michael Mason and Helen Carter

Carmel Comprehensive – Mrs. Walker, Adam Smith and George Thirlway

Longfield Comprehensive – Katie O’Hara, Rebecca Johnson and Travis Bacon

CYP39. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

CYP40. CLIMATE CHANGE AND SCHOOLS – Dr. Krista McKinsey, Climate Change Schools Project Officer for the Science Learning Centre, North East gave an overview and presentation on the work being undertaken in schools within the North East region in relation to Climate Change.

Following the presentation, those present were divided into two groups and each group considered and shared best practice on what was happening within the Council and their individual schools in relation to climate change.

The main areas discussed were :-

- experiments taking place at Harrowgate Hill Primary School;
- eco-monitors and eco-champions within schools and an award scheme for recycling at Carmel College;
- recycling initiatives;
- the need to address the issue of recycling of cardboard;
- the Council's Waste Management Contract, including recycling;
- the need for a co-ordinated approach to be adopted by the Council in relation to the collection of recyclable materials;
- environmentally friendly proposals being incorporate in the design for the new build at North Road School;
- the use of woodchip as a 'green fuel';
- School Travel Plans;
- Partnership working between Branksome and Longfield Comprehensive Schools in relation to recycling and obtaining the Bronze Eco Award;
- the possibility of Branksome Comprehensive School becoming a main collection point for composting and cardboard recycling for residents within its area;
- the use of motion sensor lights and taps in some schools;
- assemblies to raise the awareness of recycling; and
- the establishment of a representative group to talk forward climate change initiatives within schools and to share good practice.

RESOLVED – (a) That the thanks of this Scrutiny Committee be extended to Krista McKinsey for her interesting and informative presentation.

(b) That the thanks of this Scrutiny Committee be extended to all pupils and teachers who have attended and participated in this meeting.

(c) That the work being undertaken in schools in relation to Climate Change be noted and that work continue to be undertaken to share good practice.

