

To: All Members of the County Council
All Chief Officers

From COUNTY SECRETARY'S
DEPARTMENT

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CABINET
1 APRIL 2004

MINUTES
ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

D A Ashley, D Beatty, R J M Ellis (Chairman), R I N Gordon, M H T Janes, D E Lloyd,
J M Pitman, A M R Searing, I E M Tarry

Other Members present:

D Billing, P T J Channell, G R Churchard, A D Dodd, M Downing, K F Emsall,
G D Game, B N W Hammond, D W Hills, J A Hobday, B J Lamb, D B Lloyd,
R Mays, R Mills, M H O'Neill, D A A Peek, S J Pile, S Quilty, I Simpson,
R H Smith, R J Smith, W A Storey, J W A Usher, C J White.

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Cabinet meeting on 1 April 2004 as circulated,
copy annexed, executive decisions were reached and are recorded below:

*Note: No conflicts of interest were declared by any member of the Cabinet in relation to
the matters on which decisions were made at this meeting and set out below.*

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet held on 15 March 2004 were confirmed as a correct
record.

**2. THE INSPECTION OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, HERTFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL, DECEMBER 2003 - a presentation of findings and the
Children, Schools and Families response**
(Forward Plan Ref.A012/04)

Stephen Roe from the Social Services Inspectorate [as of 1 April the Commission
for Social Care Inspection] presented to Cabinet the findings of the Inspection of
Child Protection Services in Hertfordshire carried out on December 2003. He was
accompanied by Martin Ayres and Joy Wilson.

Following his presentation Mr Roe responded to questions from Members.

The Director of Children, Schools and Families then introduced his report and covered in some detail the action that had already commenced to respond to the findings of the inspection report.

At the invitation of the Chairman other Members of the Council asked questions of the Executive Member, Children's Services and the Director of Children, Schools and Families.

Decision

That Cabinet:

1. Notes and accepts in full the report by the Social Services Inspectorate on Child Protection Services in Hertfordshire;
2. Approves the Action Plan in response to the inspection report as set out at Appendix 2;
3. Welcomes the progress to date in responding to the recommendations in the inspection report;
4. Invites the Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee to: (a) consider the inspection report and make any recommendations for service improvement; (b) evaluate progress in responding to the findings from the inspection.

Reasons for the decision

To address the issues raised in the inspection report.

Any alternative options considered and rejected

None