

Governors and Children's Services Meetings, Autumn Term 2007

In line with the pattern of meetings from the last school year Children's Services Area Directors, Governor Services and the Norfolk Governor's Network have arranged meeting dates for this term, as set out below.

West	Wednesday 31 st October	West Norfolk PDC
North	Thursday 1 st November	Sheringham Woodfields School
South	Tuesday 6 November	Diss High School
Central	Thursday 8 November	Norwich PDC
Eastern	Monday 12 November	The King's Centre, Gt Yarmouth

All meetings will start at 7.00 p.m., and end at approximately 8.30 p.m. Tea and coffee will be available for those arriving early, but may be in limited supply. Past experience tells us that the final number of people attending is unlikely to be known and it is therefore difficult to ensure that we can cater for everyone.

The purpose of the meetings is to provide an opportunity for governors to talk to senior Children's Services officers, and members of the County Committee of the Norfolk Governor's Network, the independent voice of governors in Norfolk. There will be some items on the agenda already, but governors will also be able to raise issues of concern to them and their schools. If you wish to do this it would be extremely helpful if you would contact Governor Services before the meeting date, so that officers can come prepared with relevant information.

Agenda items

The main agenda item for all the meetings will be concerned with 14-19 Education, and David Bullard, Director of 14-19 Development, will lead on this topic.

Other agenda items may include:

- How Area Directors and Area Service Managers engage with the governing bodies of schools in their area
- Service integration
- The Common Assessment Framework
- Early intervention with pupils in schools
- Revised Target Setting in Secondary Schools
- The Hear by Right Framework: this is a tried and tested standards framework for organisations across the statutory and voluntary sectors to assess and improve practice and policy on the active involvement of children and young people
- Fair Funding Consultation: the consultation meetings will mainly have already taken place across the county, but your comments are welcome at these meetings.

As agenda items may be focussed on issues relating to specific areas of the county it would be helpful if governors attended the meeting in their school's area.

If you cannot attend the meeting please would you bring this message to the attention of other members of the governing body. If you will be attending it would help with the organisation of the meeting if you let Governor Services know as soon as possible.

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