

Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

26 July 2005

Agenda

The Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY, the 26 JULY, 2005 at 2.15 pm.**

The agenda will be:-

1. General

- (1) Apologies for absence**
- (2) Members' Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Note: Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

- (3) Minutes of the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on the 21 June 2005 (copy attached)**

2. Public Question Time

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters relevant to the business of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Questioners may ask two questions and can speak for up to three minutes each.

To be sure of receiving an answer to an appropriate question, please contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079 or e-mail annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk at least five working days before the meeting. Otherwise, please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and ensure that Council staff are aware of the matter on which you wish to speak.

ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY

3. **Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards Performance Report Full Year 2004-2005**

Report of the Director of Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards.

This report details the Directorate's achievements of actions and targets within the 2004/05 Service Plan. This is a full year analysis to meet the requirements of the County Council's Performance Management framework.

Recommendations

The Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- a) Consider Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards (LHTS) performance for the full year 2004/05.
- b) Endorse any proposed remedial actions.
- c) Request any additional information required.

For further information please contact Edwina Cordwell, Head of Resources & Performance, Tel: 01926 412164 E-mail edwinacordwell@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. **Supporting Learning in Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards (LHTS): Accredited Workforce Development Programme**

Report of the Director of Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards.

This report seeks to inform the Committee of the recently established workforce development programme, "Supporting Learning in Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards". This project is a partnership between LHTS

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and Coventry Libraries and Information Service, and is managed by Warwickshire's Library and Information Service.

Recommendation

That Members note this and support the Workforce Development Programme, "Supporting Learning in Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards" which is accredited by the Open College Network.

For further information please contact Ayub Khan, Core Services, Quality & Operations Manager, Tel: 01926 412657 E-mail ayubkhan@warwickshire.gov.uk or Kushal Birla, Head of Library & Information Service, Tel: 01926 412862 E-mail kushalbirla@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Departmental Performance Report – Social Services/Adults

Report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

This report considers performance during 2004/05 for Adult Services within Social Services and has been produced as part of the County Council's performance management system. It shows performance under each corporate objective and key performance indicators for adult services including corporate headline indicator and other key performance measures as set out in the Department of Health Performance Assessment Framework (PAF).

The report provides an overview of achievements and also identifies performance areas that are in need of priority attention for the coming year.

Recommendation

The Adult and Community Services O & S Committee is asked to:

- a) Consider Social Services (Adult) Department's performance for the full year 2004/05.
- b) Endorse any proposed remedial actions.
- c) Request any additional information required.
- d) Note the intention to produce a more detailed report for Members providing fuller analysis of the implications and cost of lowering FACS criteria.

For further information please contact John Bull, Head of Adult Services Tel: 01926 412438 e-mail johnbull@warwickshire.gov.uk or Kim Harlock, Service Manager – Commissioning, Tel: 01926 731078 E-mail kimharlock@warwickshire.gov.uk.

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6. Improving ICT to Mobile Libraries- Proposed Scrutiny Review

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report seeks to propose a review in the area of mobile libraries and ICT. The report outlines the possible framework for the review in terms of context, objectives, membership, methodology and the timescales for completion.

Recommendation

1. That, subject to any comments made by the Committee, a task and finish group be authorised to investigate the issue of improving Information Communication Technology (ICT) to Mobile Libraries within the objectives, methodology and timescales set out in this report.
2. That a councillor is nominated from each political group to form the Task and Finish Group.
3. That a final report of the Group be submitted to the October meeting of the Committee.

For further information please contact Carole Pattison, Interim Corporate Review Team Manager, Tel: 01926 736319 E-mail carolepattison@warwickshire.gov.uk or Martin Lake, Principal Review Officer, Corporate Review Team, Tel: 01926 418060 E-mail martinlake@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Review of Relationship with the Voluntary and Community Sector

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

This report provides a further update on progress in implementing the review of the County Council's relationship with the Voluntary and Community Sector.

Recommendation

That the Committee notes progress towards developing a Strategy to guide working relationships between the County Council and the Voluntary and community Sector and recommends Cabinet to support his work.

For further information please contact John Lyons, Area Planning Co-ordinator, Tel: 01926 746824 E-mail johnlyons@warwickshire.gov.uk.

8. Social Inclusion Strategy 2005-08

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive.

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This report updates progress in developing the Social Inclusion Strategy and refers to the decision of Cabinet on 30 June to defer approval of the Strategy to enable further work to be done on developing performance indicators and consultation with this and other Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note Cabinet's decision to defer approval of the Social Inclusion Strategy to enable further work to be done on developing performance indicators and consultation with this and other Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

For further information please contact John Lyons, Area Planning Co-ordinator, Tel: 01926 746824 E-mail johnlyons@warwickshire.gov.uk.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9. Update on the Direct Payments Scheme

Report of the Director of Social Care and Health.

In February 2005, the Social Care and Welfare Overview and Scrutiny Committee received its first report following the extension of the direct payments scheme to more service users. At the request of the Committee, this report is an interim progress report for information to bring the reports into a regular annual June/July cycle at the conclusion of each financial year.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the progress made in implementing Direct Payments.
- b) Agree to receive a further report in one year's time.

For further information please contact Richard Killingbeck, Service Manager – Adult Services, Tel: 01926 736512 E-mail richardkillingbeck@warwickshire.gov.uk or Chris Southin, Children's Health & Disability Development Manager, Tel: 02476 511496 E-mail chrissouthin@warwickshire.gov.uk.

10. Provisional Items for Future Meetings and Forward Plan Items Relevant to the Work of this Committee

A table setting out provisional items for future meetings is attached.

Forward Plan

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11. Any Other Items

which the Chair decides are urgent.

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Acting Chief Executive

Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

Councillors Les Caborn, Jose Compton, Jill Dill-Russell, Richard Dodd, Marion Haywood, Nina Knapman, Anita Macaulay, Mota Singh (Vice Chair), Ian Smith, Mick Stanley, Ray Sweet and Sid Tooth (Chair).

Portfolio Holders:- Councillor Colin Hayfield (Adult and Community Services)

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.