

Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

10 January 2006

Agenda

The Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY, the 10 JANUARY, 2006 at 10.00 a.m.**

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 22 November 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 Adult and Community Services 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. Final report for the Scrutiny Review of Improving the use of ICT on Mobile Libraries

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

This is the final report for the Scrutiny Review of Improving the use of ICT on Mobile Libraries.

Recommendations

1. Approve the final report for the Scrutiny Review of Improving the use of ICT on Mobile Libraries.
2. Agree the Mobile Library Service proposition as outlined in Appendix 1.
3. That General Packet Radio Service/Third Generation (GPRS/3G) is used as the technical solution for the Local Service Libraries.
4. That further research and evaluation is undertaken regarding the use of GPRS/3G and Satellite solutions for the Travelling Library.
5. The outcomes of the recommendations made will need to inform the technical specification used within the Invitation to Tender for the mobile fleet in March 2006.
6. That the recommendations from this scrutiny review be fed into the implementation action plan for the Building For the Future Best Value Review, and report to Cabinet.

For further information please contact Martin Lake, Principal Review Officer, Tel: 01926 418090 E-mail martinlake@warwickshire.gov.uk or Tricia Morrison, Corporate Review Manager, Tel: 01926 736319 E-mail triciamorrison@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. Collections for the Future

Report of the Director of Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards

The report introduces a recent Museums Association publication, "Collections for the Future" and presents the response of the Warwickshire Museums Services to the issues raised, for which endorsement is sought. The Committee is also asked to recommend to Cabinet (in accordance with the procedure in the adopted Museum Acquisition and Disposal Policy), the disposal of items in accordance with the attached schedule.

Recommendations

1. That members endorse the approach taken by the Museum Service to the issues raised in the Museums Association Publication "Collections for the Future", set out in the report and summarised in paragraph 6.
2. That members recommend to Cabinet the disposal of items from the Museums Collection in accordance with the schedule in Appendix 2 to the report.

For further information please contact Helen Maclagan, Head of Museum Service, Tel: 01926 418127 E-mail helenmaclagan@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Warwickshire Arts Service: A Vision for the Future

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

The report sets out the results of a major consultation with stakeholders on policy and priorities for the County Arts Service and presents recommendations based on this.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee comments on the County Arts Service increasing reliance on funding from external sources to respond to the priorities agreed.
2. That the Committee comments on the recommendations regarding Key Areas (3.1.1 below).
3. That the Committee comments on the recommendations regarding Grant Aid (3.2.1 below).
4. That the Committee comments on the recommendations regarding Joint Working (3.3.1 below).
5. That the Committee communicates its views on future policy and priorities to Cabinet.

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For further information please contact Christopher Jeens, Head of Heritage & Cultural Services, Tel: 01926 412329 E-mail chrisjeens@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Taking the Cultural Strategy Forward

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

The report reviews the Cultural Strategy and asks Members to consider the Cultural Strategy and the priority they wish to give it in the future. It asks Members to set up a small group to assist in a review of progress and options for future development and deployment.

Recommendations

1. That members of the Adult and Community Services O&S Committee appoint a cross party group (comprising one of its elected members from each of the political parties) to work with officers and Portfolio Holder to:
 - Review the progress and impact within WCC of the Warwickshire Cultural Strategy
 - Review the priorities identified in the current strategy
 - Make recommendations on the future development of the strategy and its deployment within the overall WCC strategic planning framework.
2. That a further report be brought to Adult and Community Services O&S Committee containing those recommendations.

For further information please contact Christopher Jeens, Head of Heritage & Cultural Services, Tel: 01926 412329 E-mail chrisjeens@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Supporting People

Report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services.

This is a progress report on the Audit Commission Inspection of the Supporting People Programme in Warwickshire. Included is a copy of an Action Plan which indicates progress to date.

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider the progress and endorse the actions taken to prepare for the next Supporting People Audit Commission Inspection, expected to commence week beginning 27 March 2006.

For further information please contact Rosie James, Service Manager- Supporting People, Tel: 01926 476849 E-mail rosiejames@warwickshire.gov.uk or John Bull, Head of Adult Services, Tel: 01926 412438 E-mail johnbull@warwickshire.gov.uk.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. Library Impact Measures

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

This report seeks to inform the Committee of the recently agreed Impact Measures for Library & Information Services, by DCMS.

Recommendations

To note this report which seeks to inform the Committee of a set of new Library Impact Measures, which have come into force and which will contribute to future CPA assessment for the 'Culture Block'.

For further information please contact Ayub Khan, 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.

9. Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES)

Report of the Interim Director of Social Care (Adult Services).

The ICES service began operating on 1 February 2005. The launch has gone very successfully with an average performance of over 93% of items of equipment being delivered within seven days. Detailed work is continuing to ensure the effective management of the service and its future development.

Recommendation

Members note the progress made and the issues raised in the development of the Integrated Community Equipment Store.

For further information please contact Steve J Smith, Service Manager Disability, Tel: 02476 766426 E-mail stevejsmith@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.

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Forward Plan

County Council – 14 March 2006

Integrated Risk Management (IRMP) Year 3 Action Plan

11. Any Other Items

which the Chair decides are urgent.

12. Exclusion of the Public

To consider passing the following resolution to exclude the public:

“That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the item mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.”

13. Exempt Minutes of the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on the 22 November 2005

JIM GRAHAM
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.

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