

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

8 December, 2010

Agenda

A meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 2010** at **10.00 am**.

The agenda will be:-

1. General

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

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the 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.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter

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relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

- (3) **Minutes of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 20 October**
- (4) **Chair's Announcements**

2. Public Question Time (Standing Order 34)

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.

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.

3. Questions to the Portfolio Holder

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for Members of the Committee to put questions to the Portfolio Holder (Councillor Heather Timms (Children Young People and Families)) on any matters relevant to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee's remit and for the Portfolio Holder to update the Committee on relevant issues.

4. Statementing of Pupils

Report of the Strategic Director of Children Young People and Families

This report outlines the statutory processes which determine the statementing of pupils including timelines.

Recommendation

That the Committee support the Assessment, Statementing and Review Service (ASRS) to identify key issues for action in the forthcoming Green Paper on Special Educational Needs in order to ensure that the Local Authority remain compliant and maintains delivery of outcomes currently reflected in the National Indicator Performance data (see Appendix A).

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For further information please contact Jessica Nash, Assistant Head of Service SEN and Inclusion, Tel: 01926 742405 E-mail jessicanash@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. The Education of Children in Care in Warwickshire

Report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families.

The paper includes a profile of the numbers of children in care served by the Virtual School, data about performance and attendance, data on the reduction of permanent exclusions in the looked after population, the barriers to learning for children in care, and interventions put in place to support achievement and attainment.

Recommendation

That the report from the Virtual School on the education of looked after children is considered and the actions taken by the school to support achievement and attainment are supported by the committee as corporate parents for the pupils and students of the Virtual School.

For further information please contact Anne Hawker, Headteacher of the Virtual School for Children in Care, Tel: 01926 743029 E-mail annehawker@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Profile of Special Educational Needs

Report of the Strategic Director for Children, Young People and Families.

This report seeks to inform the Committee on the profile of Special Educational Needs and Out of County provision for Warwickshire children with Special Educational Needs.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the information in this report and supports the Local Authority in implementing the priorities proposed in new legislation to work in collaboration with schools.

For further information please contact Jessica Nash, Assistant Head of Service SEN and Inclusion, Tel: 01926 742405 E-mail jessicanash@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Feedback from PRU Select Committee

To consider the recommendations to be forwarded to the Cabinet Paper to follow.

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8. Work Programme 2010-11

Report of the Strategic Director of Customers, Workforce and Governance.

The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider its work programme.

Recommendation

That the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the draft work programme at Appendix 1 and amends as appropriate.

For further information please contact Jane Pollard, Democratic Services Manager, Tel: 01926 412565 E-mail janepollard@warwickshire.gov.uk.

8. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

Jim Graham
Chief Executive

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

County Councillors:- Peter Balaam, Carol Fox, Robin Hazelton, Julie Jackson, Tilly May Mike Perry, Clive Rickhards, Carolyn Robbins, John Ross, June Tandy (Chair)

Cabinet Portfolio Holder:- Councillor Heather Timms (Children, Young People and Families)

Church Representatives:- Mr Joseph Cannon, Dr Rex Pogson

Parent Governor Representatives:- John Liddamore and Alison Livesey

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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