

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2 February, 2011

Agenda

A meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 2011** 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 8 December 2010**
- (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. The Implications for Local Authorities of the DfE White Paper "The Importance of Teaching"

Report of the Strategic Director of Children Young People and Families

This paper is a summary of the key issues in the White paper "The Importance of Teaching" and highlights the main implications for local authorities.

Recommendation

That the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

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- note the implications of the White Paper “The Importance of Teaching” and consider what further actions may be needed by the Authority in response.

For further information please contact Bob Hooper, Head of School Improvement, Tel: 01926 742008 E-mail bobhooper@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Report on School Performance 2010

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

This paper is a summary of the attainment of pupils in Warwickshire in 2010 public examinations. It highlights differences in performance across the county. It also draws on Ofsted inspection data and compares Ofsted judgements on Warwickshire schools with those seen nationally.

Recommendation

That the Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

- note the improvements in attainment achieved by pupils in Warwickshire schools,
- note that Warwickshire schools are generally found to be performing better than schools elsewhere in England,
- note that there remains significant variance in performance across the county with North Warwickshire performing less well than other areas,
- endorse the continuing priority focus to narrow the gaps in attainment across the County.

For further information please contact Bob Hooper, Head of School Improvement, Tel: 01926 742008 E-mail bobhooper@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. 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.

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

7. 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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