

Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

14 December 2011

A meeting of the Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2011 at 9.30am.**

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 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 & Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12 October 2011**

(4) **Chair's Announcements**

2. Public Question Time (Standing Order 34)

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting are available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters relevant to the business of the Children and Young People Overview & 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 Richard Maybey on 01926 476876 or richardmaybey@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 are available for members of the Committee to put questions to Cllr Heather Timms (Portfolio Holder for Child Safeguarding, Early Intervention and Schools) on any matters relevant to the remit of the Committee, and for the Portfolio Holder to update the Committee on relevant issues.

4. Member briefing: Future of the Warwickshire PRU

All members of the County Council are invited to this presentation on the future of the Warwickshire Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), ahead of Cabinet taking its decision on 15 December.

5. Member briefing: Local Schools Funding Review

All members of the County Council are invited to this presentation on the recent review of schools funding and the potential impacts of the School Forum's recommendations, ahead of Cabinet taking its decision on 15 December.

6. Area Behaviour Partnerships

Funding for excluded pupils in Warwickshire has been devolved from the Dedicated Schools Grant to four Area Behaviour Partnerships (ABPs). The Committee will receive a report and presentations from the four ABP chairs to understand how the ABPs will operate.

Recommendation

That the Committee endorses the work of the Area Behaviour Partnerships in reducing permanent exclusions and remodelling provision for excluded pupils.

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7. Local Schools Funding Formula

In April 2011 and June 2011, the Department for Education (DfE) consulted on a review of education funding arrangements and the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). This report outlines Warwickshire's involvement in the reviews and the recommendations to Cabinet from the Schools Forum.

Recommendation

That the Committee:

- (1) Approves the processes undertaken and the stakeholder involvement in the reviews of the funding formulas.
- (2) Approves the basis of the recommendation to Cabinet, from the Schools Forum, and to note the potential impact of these recommendations.

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8. Performance Management

The Committee will receive a presentation on effective performance management and how it links to the overview and scrutiny process.

Recommendation

That the Committee notes the progress to date.

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9. **Munro Review**

This report outlines the independent review of child protection by Professor Eileen Munro and the impacts for Warwickshire.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the implications and recommendations of the Munro Review of Child Protection for Warwickshire, along with the Government response and the actions taken or planned thus far in Warwickshire.

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10. **Improving Safeguarding Outcomes**

To update the Committee on the action plan put in place to address the inconsistent practices identified by Ofsted and to provide an update on the recommendations of the Committee's previous review of safeguarding.

Recommendation

That the Committee approves the actions for improving safeguarding outcomes for children and young people.

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11. **Education of Vulnerable Pupils – Joint Strategy**

To consider the progress of an overarching strategy for the Education of Vulnerable Children, jointly developed by the Council's Early Intervention and Learning & Achievement business units.

Recommendation

That the Committee:

- (1) Agrees any areas for scrutiny, as appropriate.
- (2) Considers and comments on the approach to early intervention and prevention, set out in this report, as part of a strategy for supporting the education of vulnerable children.

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12. Academies and Traded Services

This report provides an update on the offer that the local authority will be making available to Academies and the guidance issued to local authority governors.

Recommendation

That the Committee:

- (1) Considers any implications of the development of the Academy programme within Warwickshire and the service provision for 2012/13.
- (2) Agrees any areas for scrutiny, as appropriate.

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13. Work Programme 2011-12

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the draft work programme at Appendix A and amends as appropriate.

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14. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

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County Councillors: Peter Balaam, Carol Fox, Julie Jackson, Mike Perry, Clive Rickhards, Carolyn Robbins, John Ross (Vice Chair), Martin Shaw, June Tandy (Chair), Sonja Wilson

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Heather Timms (Child Safeguarding, Early Intervention and Schools)

Church Representatives: Joseph Cannon and Dr Rex Pogson

Parent Governor Representatives: Sharon Ansell and Alison Livesey

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