

Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

2 February 2012

A meeting of the Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee will take place in **COMMITTEE ROOM 2, SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2012 at 10.00am**. 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 meetings held on 14 December 2011 and 17 January 2012**

(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. Young Carers

To consider the support that is available to young carers, especially within the context of changes to adult social care.

Recommendations

- (1) To agree that the support provided by the voluntary Carers Support Service continues to meet the needs of Young Carers in Warwickshire within the context of changes to adult social care
- (2) To consider whether further updates are required

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5. Addressing NEETs

This report outlines the support available for young people to access appropriate education and training, within the context of a reduced Connexions contract and to consider the strategies being undertaken to reduce the number of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

Recommendation

To agree that there is a need for continued support across the county for young people who are NEET, with a particular focus on areas where NEETs are disproportionately high.

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6. The County Council's responsibilities as Corporate Parents

This report provides an update on the County Council's responsibilities as a Corporate Parent

Recommendations

- (1) To consider the review of the existing arrangements for monitoring the Local Authority's corporate parenting responsibilities through the Elected Member Corporate Parenting Steering Group
- (2) To support the annual delivery of training for elected members on Corporate Parenting
- (3) To recognise and give continued support to opportunities to enhance the internal Fostering Service as the key service through which corporate parenting duties and aspirations are delivered

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7. Draft Framework for Organising Education Provision in Warwickshire

The Committee is asked to submit its views on this document as part of the consultation process. The Committee will be asked to consider the responses to the consultation at a later date, before the framework is taken to Cabinet for approval.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the draft at Appendix A and makes its views known as part of the consultation process.

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8. Work Programme 2011-12

Recommendation

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

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9. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

Jim Graham
Chief Executive

Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee Membership

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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