Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

3 April 2013

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2013, 10.00am COMMITTEE ROOM 2, SHIRE HALL, WARWICK

1. General

(1) Apologies for Absence

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Members are required to register their disclosable pecuniary interests within 28 days of their election of appointment to the Council. A member attending a meeting where a matter arises in which s/he has a disclosable pecuniary interest must (unless s/he has a dispensation):

- Declare the interest if s/he has not already registered it
- Not participate in any discussion or vote
- Must leave the meeting room until the matter has been dealt with (Standing Order 42)
- Give written notice of any unregistered interest to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting

Non-pecuniary interests must still be declared in accordance with the new Code of Conduct. These should be declared at the commencement of the meeting.

- (3) Minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2013
- (4) Chair's Announcements

2. Call In of Cabinet Decision: To increase the published admission number of Coten End Primary School from 60 to 90 with effect from September 2013

(a) Reasons for Call In

Councillors Julie Jackson, June Tandy, Tim Naylor, Clive Rickhards and Peter Balaam have called this decision in as "no explanation was given as to why the date was brought forward despite the officer advice in the report and the outcome of the consultation".



(b) Consideration of the report

On 14 March 2013, Cabinet considered a "Proposal to Increase the Admission Number of Coten End Primary School, Warwick with effect from September 2014 Admissions" (report attached).

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 14 July 2011 state the following:

"Councillor Timms introduced this item and proposed a revised recommendation that will bring forward the increase of the published admission number to September 2013.

Councillor Julie Jackson (Chair of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee) asked for assurance that the school would be provided with the extra accommodation it will require for the additional pupils. Councillor Timms informed the meeting that discussions would be held with the school as to how this will be achieved.

Resolved

That Cabinet approves the proposal to increase the published admission number of Coten End Primary School from 60 to 90 with effect from September 2013 reception admissions, and approves the publication of statutory notices."

(c) Recommendation

That the Committee considers the issues and decides what action, if any, they wish to take from the following three options:

- Set out its concerns in writing and ask the decision-taker to reconsider
- Refer the matter to full Council; or
- Decide to take no action

The outcome of the meeting will normally be published electronically within 2 working days of the meeting. If the Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee refers the matter to Council, the Council must meet within 10 working days of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting.

3. Public Question Time (Standing Order 34)

30 minutes of the meeting are available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters relevant to the Committee. Questioners may ask two questions and can speak for up to three minutes on each. If you wish to ask a question, please contact Richard Maybey on 01926 476876 or richardmaybey@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. Questions to the Portfolio Holder

30 minutes of the meeting are available for members to question Cllr Heather Timms (Portfolio Holder, Children and Schools) on any matters relevant to the Committee.

5. New School Developments

This report details the Council's proposed approach to ensuring sufficient primary school places following recent increases in the birth rate, plus the timescales involved in secondary school expansion and the need for new provision arising from housing developments.



6. **NEETs Performance Update**

This report provides an update on the progress made in relation to reducing the numbers of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET), with early indications showing that Warwickshire County Council has exceeded the 2012 target.

7. Work Programme 2012-13

The Committee is asked to agree its work programme for the year ahead, and propose any new topics that may be suitable for scrutiny via a Task & Finish Group.

8. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

Jim Graham Chief Executive

Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee Membership

Councillors:

Peter Balaam, Richard Chattaway, Jim Foster, Carol Fox, Peter Fowler, Julie Jackson (Chair), Mike Perry, Clive Rickhards, John Ross (Vice Chair), Martin Shaw

Co-opted members for Education matters:

Joseph Cannon and Dr Rex Pogson, Church Representatives 2 vacancies for Parent Governor Representatives

Portfolio Holder relevant to the remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Heather Timms - Children and Schools

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