

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2nd September 2014

Questions to Cabinet and Portfolio Holder

Recommendations

That the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the forthcoming Cabinet and Portfolio Holder decisions relevant to its remit, asking any relevant questions and considering areas for further scrutiny, where appropriate.

1.0 Cabinet and Portfolio Holder Decisions

- 1.1 The decisions relevant to the remit of the Committee are listed below. Members are encouraged to seek updates on decisions and identify topics for pre-decision scrutiny. The Portfolio Holder for Education and Learning may be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions from the Committee.
- 1.2 The list was last updated from the Forward Plan on 21st August 2014.
(*Key decision)

Decision	Description	Date due	Cabinet / PfH
(Exempt) Procurement of Placements in Children's Homes - West Midlands Consortium Framework Contract	Warwickshire People Group purchase places at Children's Residential Homes for individual looked after children as the need arises. In 2014 there are around 30 placements at any one time, with a total spend of £5million per annum. The West Midlands Consortium has proposed that a regional framework contract will ensure best value for money and quality of service. Sandwell MBC is carrying out a procurement to establish a contract which West Midlands councils may use. Following evaluation of tenders in August, WCC officers will make a recommendation to Cabinet of 18 th September 2014 regarding the Council entering the proposed contract, which is intended to commence on 10 th November 2014.	18 th September 2014	Cabinet

Draft School Places Sufficiency Strategy	A report detailing the Strategy for ensuring a sufficient supply of school places across the county.	18 th September 2014	Cabinet
Permission to Consult on Proposed Changes to School Priority Area	This report will explain the reasons behind our wish to change priority areas and seek approval to do so.	26 th September 2014	Portfolio Holder
Proposed Changes to Home to School Transport Policy	The report will be seeking permission to consult on proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy to support the savings target identified in the One Organisation Savings Plan.	24 th October 2014	Portfolio Holder