

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

18 May, 2006

Agenda

A meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 18 MAY, 2006 at 10.00 am.**

The agenda will be:-

- 1. Election of Chair**
- 2. Election of Vice Chair**
- 3. General**
 - (1) Apologies for Absence**
 - (2) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Note: Members should disclose the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant 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.

Personal interests relating to any item on the agenda arising by virtue of the member serving as a District/Borough councillor are declared below:

Councillor Anita Macaulay – Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Councillor Mike Perry - Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Councillor John Ross – Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
Councillor Heather Timms – Rugby Borough Council

- (3) **Minutes of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 28 March 2006 (copy attached)**
- (4) **Chair's Announcements**

4. 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.

5. Report of Task and Finish Group – Home to School Transport – Transport for non-entitled pupils

Report of the Chair of the Home to School Transport Task and Finish Group

Following consultation, the Committee is asked to consider the recommendation of the Task and Finish Group to introduce a Vacant Seats Policy from September 2007.

Recommendations

That the Committee recommend that Cabinet agree the following recommendation of the Home to School Transport Task and Finish Group:

To introduce a Vacant Seats Policy on vehicles operated under contract to the Council which are not registered as local bus services from September 2007.

For further information please contact Nick Williams, Assistant Head of Service – Pupil and Student Services, Tel: 01926 412956 nickwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk or Kevin McGovern, Transport Operations Manager, Tel: 01926 412930 E-mail kevinmcgovern@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Report of Task and Finish Group – Home to School Transport - Transport to denominational schools

Report of the Chair of the Home to School Transport Task and Finish Group

Following consultation, the Committee is asked to consider the recommendation of the Task and Finish Group to introduce in certain circumstances a charge for transport to denominational schools, to be phased in from September 2007.

Recommendations

That the Committee recommend that Cabinet agree the following recommendation of the Home to School Transport Task and Finish Group:

To introduce a charge for transport to denominational schools for pupils who do not practice the faith of the school attended unless the school is the nearest appropriate school to the parental home, the new policy to be phased in from September 2007.

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7. Asset Management Plan relating to Schools and Non-school Buildings

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

This paper deals with the section of the County's corporate Asset Management Plan relating to the Children, Young People and Families Directorate.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Committee consider and comment on the Children, Young People and Families Directorate's strategy relating to school and non-school buildings in the Corporate Asset Management Plan and those comments are forwarded on to the Cabinet for consideration.
- (2) That the Committee identifies any areas covered in the report for further scrutiny.

For further information please contact John Harmon, Assistant Head of Service – Capital and Property, Tel: 01926 412150 E-mail johnharmon@warwickshire.gov.uk or Dahlia Harrison, Asset Management Plan Officer, Tel: 01926 476995 E-mail dahliaharrison@warwickshire.gov.uk.

8. Provisional Items for Future Meetings and Forward Plan Items Relevant to the Work of this Committee

A table setting out provisional items for future meetings is attached.

Forward Plan

For information:

Cabinet – 25 May 2006

Education Capital Programme Projects
Rokeby Junior and Infant Schools
Secondary School Provision in Rugby

Cabinet – 15 June 2006

Education Capital Programme Projects
Proposed Kingsbury Water Park Outdoor Education Centre
Changes to Schools' Indicated Admission Numbers for a Warwickshire primary school

Cabinet – 27 June 2006

Strategic Review of Services for Young People
Review of Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy

9. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

Jim Graham
Chief Executive

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

County Councillors:- Jill Dill-Russell, Richard Grant, Katherine King, Anita Macaulay, Helen McCarthy, Mike Perry, Raj Randev, John Ross, Kam Singh, Heather Timms, John Wells and John Whitehouse.

Cabinet Portfolio Holders:- Councillors John Burton (Schools), Peter Fowler (Family Services), Izzi Seccombe (Children's Services)

Church Representatives:- Linda Wainscot and Reverend Terry Hum.

Parent Governor Representatives:- Nick Lambert and Howard Smith

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.