

Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

20 July, 2006

Agenda

A meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 20 JULY, 2006 at 10.00 am.**

The agenda will be:-

1. 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 Joan Lea – North Warwickshire Borough Council
Councillor Mike Perry - Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Councillor John Ross – Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

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- (3) **Minutes of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 18 May 2006 (copy attached)**
- (4) **Chair's Announcements**

2. 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.

3. Performance

(a) Performance Report Full Year 2005/06

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

This report summarises the full-year performance of the former Education Department and the children's part of the former Social Services Department.

Recommendations

That the Committee is asked to:

- (a) consider the Performance Report submitted by the Children, Young People and Families Directorate for the full-year 2005/06 (Education and Children's Social Care are reported on separately in the report,
- (b) endorse any proposed remedial actions, and
- (c) request any additional information required.

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For further information please contact Helen Cox, Professional Assistant (Commission, Planning and Partnerships), Tel: 01926 418024 E-mail helencox@warwickshire.gov.uk or Lisa Robertson, Senior Planning Officer (Performance), Tel: 01926 731142 E-mail lisarobertson@warwickshire.gov.uk.

(b) Using the EFQM Excellence Model to Assess Departments

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance & Development

This paper gives background on how the County Council uses the EFQM Excellence Model to assess departments. It serves as an introduction to the reports on assessments from individual departments.

Recommendation

That the Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Group note this report, which gives background information on the EFQM process, and how it is used in the County Council, in order for Members to have context for considering the reports from individual departments which follow.

For further information please contact Sue Littlewood, Corporate Planning Manager, Tel: 01926 412753 E-mail suelittlewood@warwickshire.gov.uk or Mandeep Kalsi, Admin Officer, Tel: 01926 412341 E-mail mandeepkalsi@warwickshire.gov.uk.

(c) European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Assessment of the Education Department 2005

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

The report outlines the strengths and areas for consideration identified during the most recent EFQM assessment of the Education Department together with actions either already taken or planned.

Recommendation

That the Committee comment on the progress made in the use of the European Foundation for Quality Management model by the Education Department, and the actions undertaken and/or planned that the

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Children, Young People and Families Directorate will incorporate into the 2006/07 Improvement Plan.

For further information please contact Steve Lewis, Education Officer – Best Value, Tel: 01926 738408 E-mail stevelewis@warwickshire.gov.uk.

(d) Social Services EFQM Assessment Report 2005

Joint Report of the Strategic Directors of Adult, Health & Community Services and Children, Young People & Families.

The paper provides an overview of the feedback received following Social Services' assessment against the EFQM Excellence Model, together with information about how areas for improvement will be pursued.

Recommendation

That the Committee comment on the feedback received following the Social Services' assessment against the EFQM Excellence Model and the way areas for improvement are being taken forwards in the new directorate structure.

For further information please contact Karen Smith, Customer Relations Manager – Adult, Health and Community Services Directorate, Tel: 01926 414103 E-mail karensmith@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. Strategy for the inclusion of pupils with emotional, behavioural and social difficulties

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

This report asks for comments and the way forward in relation to the draft Strategy for the inclusion of pupils with emotional, behavioural and social difficulties to help support schools, children and young people to manage challenging behaviour more effectively.

Recommendations

That the Committee comment on the draft Strategy for the inclusion of pupils with emotional, behavioural and social difficulties (Appendix A) and advise on the way forward.

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For further information please contact Geoff King, Head of Service (Commissioning, Planning and Partnerships), Tel: 01926 412117 E-mail geoffking@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Review of Scrutiny

Report of the Strategic Director for Performance & Development

This report advises Members of the arrangements for the review of the overview and scrutiny function. Seeks views on the future role of overview and scrutiny and how its effectiveness can be improved.

Recommendations:

That Members comment on:

- the future role of overview and scrutiny
- the changes they would like to see to improve the effectiveness of overview and scrutiny.

For further information please contact Jane Pollard, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Tel: 01926 412565 E-mail janepollard@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. 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 – 7 September 2006

Rokeby Junior and Infant Schools

Proposal for the Review of the Local Schools Formula

7. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

Jim Graham
Chief Executive

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Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Membership

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

Cabinet Portfolio Holders:- Councillors John Burton (Schools), 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

General Enquiries: Please contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079

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

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