

Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14 September, 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, 14 SEPTEMBER, 2006 at 2.15 pm.**

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

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers

(3) **Minutes of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 20 July 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. 14-19 Policy and Strategy

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

This report presents further information on the development of a 14-19 strategy which will be supplemented by a presentation to the Committee and the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the approaches proposed.

Recommendation:

That the Committee note and comment on the progress made in implementing the County's 14-19 policy and strategy.

For further information please contact Mark Gore, Head of Service – Education, Partnerships and School Development Division, Tel: 01926 412887 E-mail markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk or Lynne Upton, Senior Inspector, 14-19 Development, Tel: 01926 742532 E-mail lynneupton@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. Audit Commission Inspection of the Warwickshire Supporting People Programme

Report of the Strategic Director for Adult, Health and Community Services

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This report asks Members to consider the Audit Commission Report and the Action Plan produced following the Inspection of the Warwickshire Supporting People Programme.

Recommendation:

That the Committee consider this report and ensure that the Children, Young People and Families Directorate is fully engaged in the Programme in order that the Audit Commission recommendations are met.

For further information please contact Graeme Betts, Strategic Director for Adult, Health & Community Services, Tel: 01926 412198 E-mail graemebetts@warwickshire.gov.uk or Rosie James, Service Manager – Supporting People, Tel: 01926 476847 E-mail rosiejames@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Warwickshire's Social Care Complaints and Representations Policy and Procedure for Children, Young People and Families

Joint Report of the Strategic Directors for Children, Young People & Families and Performance & Development

The policy and procedure update and develop the previous social services complaints and representations procedures. They are designed to be compliant with new Regulations and Section 7 guidance from the DfES, and to support the Council's commitments under the Customer Service and Access Strategy 2006/09.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Committee comment on the draft policy and procedures so that their views can be incorporated into the final report for Cabinet.
- (2) That the Committee note that an Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken and the recommendations from this have been considered.

For further information please contact Karen Smith, Customer Relations Manager – Organisational Development, Tel: 01926 414103 E-mail karensmith@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Progress Report on the Action Plan arising from the Ofsted Inspection of Youth Services, May 2005

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

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This report updates Members on progress against the Action Plan presented to Cabinet in October 2005. It identifies good progress against the significant majority of actions.

Recommendation:

That the Committee consider and comment on progress against actions identified in the Action Plan presented to Cabinet in October 2005 produced following the Ofsted Inspection of the Youth Service.

For further information please contact Peter Hatcher, Principal Youth Officer,
Tel: 01926 738570 E-mail peterhatcher@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. 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 – 12 October 2006

Harris School sports hall provision - Exempt

Catholic provision in Rugby

Education Capital Programme Projects

The new children's and young people's social care complaints policy and procedures

Student finance

Cabinet – 2 November 2006

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

Education Capital Programme Projects

Cabinet – 7 December 2006

Paddox Primary School – Exempt

8. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

Jim Graham
Chief Executive

Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Membership

County Councillors:- Jose Compton, Jill Dill-Russell, Richard Grant, Katherine King, Helen McCarthy, Mike Perry, John Ross, Kam Singh, Mota 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

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

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