

Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

16 November, 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, 16 NOVEMBER, 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 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 14 September 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. Children, Young People and Families Directorate Annual Performance Assessment

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

The Annual Performance Assessment summarises the performance of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate as assessed by Ofsted/CSCI.

Recommendations:

That the Committee:

- (1) accepts and comments on the report produced by Ofsted/CSCI following an assessment of the Directorate's performance.
- (2) examines and comments on the action plan.
- (3) Agrees to receive exception reports.
- (4) Considers whether the two actions which are currently not on target should be included in the work programme of the Committee.

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For further information please contact Geoff King, Head of Service – Commissioning, Planning and Partnerships, Tel: 01926 742389 E-mail geoffking@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. 2006/07 Efficiency Savings – Children, Young People and Families Directorate – Progress report

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

This report outlines the progress of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate has made to date in delivering the required efficiency savings in 2006/07 required as part of the 2006/07 budget.

Recommendation:

That the Committee consider and comment on the progress made by the Children, Young People and Families Directorate in delivering the 2006/07 efficiency savings target.

For further information please contact Brian Smith, LEA Finance Manager, Tel: 01926 738424 E-mail briansmith@warwickshire.gov.uk or Jo-Anne Haines, Senior Finance Officer, Tel: 01926 738410 E-mail jo-annehaines@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. 2007/08 to 2009/10 spending proposals of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate

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

This report details the 2007/08 to 2009/10 revenue and capital spending proposals of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate and seeks the Committee's views on both the spending proposals and the funding options proposed.

Recommendation:

That the Committee comments on the 2007/08 to 2009/10 spending and consequential funding proposals identified by the Children, Young People and Families Directorate.

For further information please contact Brian Smith, Acting Financial Services Manager, Tel: 01926 738424 E-mail briansmith@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Medium-term Priorities and Mid-year Performance 2006/07

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

This report asks Members to consider progress made to meet the Directorate's targets as contained in the Corporate Business Plan 2006/09 and to make any recommendations to a future meeting of Cabinet.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Committee considers the targets contained in the Corporate Business Plan 2006/09 and relays its views on their appropriateness and any suggested improvement to Cabinet.
- (2) That the Committee considers the performance and progress for the half-year 2005/06, agrees any proposed remedial actions, requests any additional information, and makes recommendations on the relative priority of any particular matter, as appropriate.

For further information please contact Keith Edwards, Assistant Head of Service – Planning and Performance, Tel: 01926 582379 E-mail keithedwards@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Admissions and Appeals Codes of Practice

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

This report summarises the potential changes contained in the Admission Code of Practice and Admission Appeals Code of Practice and invites comments from Members prior to the Authority's response to the DfES.

Recommendation:

That Members are invited to comment on either the Admissions Code of Practice or the Admission Appeals Code of Practice prior to the Authority's response to the DfES.

For further information please contact Nick Williams, Education Officer, Tel: 01926 742071 E-mail nickwilliams@warwickshire.gov.uk or Mark Gore, Head of Service – Education Partnerships & School Development, Tel: 01926 742588 E-mail markgore@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 and a document setting out the scope and project plan for the Alcohol and Young People Scrutiny Review are attached.

Forward Plan

For information:

Cabinet – 23 November 2006

Corporate Parenting Strategy

Catholic provision in Rugby

Changes to Schools Indicated Admission Numbers in Central Warwickshire

Changes to Schools' Indicated Admission Number at Southam College

Changes to schools' priority areas of four primary schools in Rugby

Redevelopment of North Leamington School - EXEMPT

Cabinet – 7 December 2006

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

Capital Programme Projects

Change to School's Indicated Admission Number in Alcester

Woodloes Primary Schools, Warwick

Commissioning of Connexions Services

Area Community Education Councils – future funding arrangements

Paddox Primary School – EXEMPT

County Council – 12 December 2006

Corporate Parenting Strategy

9. 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

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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