

## AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

**Name of Committee**                      **Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date of Committee**                      **16<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**Report Title**                                **Medium-term Priorities and Mid-year Performance 2006/07**

**Summary**                                      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.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? [please identify relevant plan/budget provision]**      No

**Background papers**

- Corporate Business Plan 2006/09
- County Council report 27.6.06

### CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees                      ☐ .....

Local Member(s)                      ☐ Not applicable

Other Elected Members                      ☒ Cllr Helen McCarthy  
Cllr Richard Grant – *“noted for consideration by the Committee”*  
Cllr Jill Dill-Russell  
Cllr John Whitehouse

Cabinet Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For information: Cllr Izzi Seccombe
Other Cabinet Members consulted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For information: Cllr John Burton
Chief Executive	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Freeth – no comments to make
Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
Other Strategic Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
District Councils	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
Health Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
Police	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
Other Bodies/Individuals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle McHugh, Scrutiny Officer

**FINAL DECISION**

**NO**

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:**

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
To Council	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
To Cabinet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report to future meeting by the Strategic Director of Performance and Development on improvements suggested by O&S Committees
To an O & S Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
To an Area Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> .....
Further Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/> .....

## Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006

### Medium-term Priorities and Mid-year Performance 2006/07

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

#### 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.

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Corporate Business Plan 2006/09 includes the Directorate's Medium-term Priorities. When County Council considered the CBP in June 2006, they asked for each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to look at the targets. The relevant section from the CBP for the Children, Young People and Families Directorate is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 1.2 **Appendix B** describes performance and progress in the first half of 2006/07.

#### 2. The Children and Young People's Plan 2006/07

- 2.1 The Directorate's plans for the development of services with its partners are set out in the CYPP. The CYPP is intended to be the single, strategic, overarching plan for all services affecting children and young people aged 0-19 in Warwickshire. As the first CYPP was being agreed at the end of the planning cycle, it was intended to be the springboard for further necessary development and work across the Council and with partners in relation to the Local Area Agreement (LAA). A revised version of the CYPP will be published, as a three-year plan, during 2007.

- 2.2 The CYPP includes the Programmes, Projects and Actions. The electronic planning system is currently in the process of being populated. For each Programme of Work this includes a description of the Programme, its context, the outcomes it hopes to achieve, specific actions and performance indicators.
- 2.3 In the next Annual Performance Assessment, it is expected that the Annual Self Assessment will be more clearly established as an annual review of the CYPP. The details for this are unlikely to emerge before spring 2007.

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## 5.0 Children and Young People

### 5.1 Background and context

The following key issues influence the County Council's priorities for Children and Young People:

#### The National Agenda

- Every Child Matters agenda
- Changes to the relationship between local authorities and schools
- Youth Matters Green Paper
- Children's National Service Framework
- 'Choosing Health' White Paper.

#### What Matters to Local People

- Quality of education
- Activities for teenagers
- Bullying – young people as victims of crime.

#### Locally

- The Vision and Strategic Direction for Children's Services in Warwickshire developed with relevant partner organisations
- Warwickshire's Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) addresses the outcomes required by the Children Act 2004
- WCC is still looking to drive up the standards of attainment in schools, aiming to be top quartile relative to councils in our statistical neighbours' comparison group.

### 5.2 WCC Medium- term Priorities

The County Council's Medium-term Priorities for Children & Young People in Warwickshire are set out in the tables below:

<b>Ensure that all children and young people "enjoy and achieve"</b>	<b>Aspirations</b>			
	Children and young people should be ready for, attend and enjoy school and college, and reach high levels of achievement at primary and secondary school and in further education.			
	<b>To address this priority WCC will:</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the role of the Local Authority as champion of parents and pupils</li> <li>• Raise standards in secondary, primary, nursery and special schools</li> <li>• Support the development of extended services in schools and Children's Centres</li> <li>• Deliver the County Youth Offer and promote uptake of opportunities</li> <li>• Promote inclusion in Education.</li> </ul>			
	<b>Key targets</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
	16-19 year olds – Average point score per student entered for exam (CHI)	310.2	310.8	310.8
	16 year olds (KS4) – % achieving 5+ A*-C grades (including English and Maths) (CHI)	49%	51%	53%
	11 year olds (KS2) – % Achieving level 4 or above in (a) English (b) Maths (CHI)	A 82%	82%	81%*
	* Subject to review when earlier attainment data for this year group is available.	B 83%	82%	76%*
	Children in public care – % year 11 gaining 1 or more A*-G grades at GCSE/NVQ (CHI)	90%	90%	90%

	Number of pupils permanently excluded during the year from all schools per 1,000 pupils at all maintained schools	0.95	0.9	0.9
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<b>Ensure that all children stay safe through better integrated services which will safeguard and protect them from harm</b>	<b>Aspirations</b>			
	Children and young people should be safe from maltreatment, accidental injury and death; bullying and discrimination, crime and antisocial behaviour. They should have security, stability and be cared for.			
	<b>To address this priority WCC will:</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the outcomes for vulnerable children, children in need, and looked after children</li> <li>Ensure children are protected from emotional, physical and sexual abuse and neglect</li> <li>Ensure children in Warwickshire feel safe from bullying</li> <li>Reduce the fear of crime and antisocial behaviour.</li> </ul>			
	<b>Key targets</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
	% of looked after children adopted during the year (CHI)	8%	8%	8%

<b>Ensure that children and young people are healthy</b>	<b>Aspirations</b>			
	Children and young people should be physically, mentally, emotionally and sexually healthy, adopting healthy lifestyles and choosing not to take illegal drugs.			
	<b>To address this priority WCC will:</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote healthy lifestyles in schools</li> <li>Promote prevention activity to reduce under 18 conceptions</li> <li>Integrate services for children and young people with disabilities</li> <li>Improve outcomes for children and young people experiencing mental health difficulties.</li> </ul>			
	<b>Key targets for WCC</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>
	% Schools with Healthy School Status (CHI, LPSA2)	50%	65%	88%
	Other targets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in under 18 conception rate in Warwickshire relative to the 1998 baseline by 50% by 2010</li> <li>School meals standards met in Warwickshire.</li> </ul>			

**N.B.** Other targets relating to key actions identified for these priorities will be agreed by July 2006 as part of the further development of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) with partner organisations. These will form part of the half-year performance reporting against this plan.









### 5.3 Specific WCC Directorate Targets

To support all these priorities the Children, Young People & Families Directorate will:





- Focus on improved performance through a revised performance management framework with the aim of securing an improved Annual Performance Assessment (APA) rating in 2007 in preparation for the Joint Area Review 2008
- Identify and implement a workforce development strategy to support integrated Children's Services.

## Children and Young People Half-year Performance

Performance of the CHIs is presented with analysis of Trend and Target, using a coloured 'traffic light' approach with a scoring explanation as follows,

Performance Key	Target (Will performance meet the Target?)	Performance Key	Trend (Is performance improving?)
<b>Green Star</b> 	Performance forecast to exceed target by more than 2%.	<b>Green Arrow</b> 	Performance continually improving over three years.
<b>Blue Circle</b> 	Performance forecast to be between 2% over and 5% below target.	<b>Blue Arrow</b> 	Performance level or fluctuating.
<b>Red Triangle</b> 	Performance forecast to miss target by more than 5%.	<b>Red Arrow</b> 	Performance declining.
<b>White Square</b> 	Only current value or no data available.	<b>White Square</b> 	Only current value or no data available.

Progress on Corporate Business Plan actions is presented using a coloured 'traffic light' approach with an explanation as follows,

Performance Key	Progress (Will the performance meet the Target or the Milestone be met?)
<b>Green Star</b> 	Actions are forecast to exceed the target by more than 2% or have been delivered prior to the milestone date.
<b>Blue Circle</b> 	Actions are forecast to be completed within +2% and -5% of the target or full completion is forecast to be delayed by two months or less of the milestone date.
<b>Red Triangle</b> 	Actions are forecast to miss the target by more than 5% or full completion is forecast to be delayed by greater than two months from the milestone date.
<b>White Square</b> 	Actions have been permanently deleted or deferred beyond the lifetime of the current Corporate Business Plan (CBP 2006/09).

Further detailed commentary is given on those actions that have been given a Red Triangle or White Square for more understanding, interpretation and detail on any remedial actions being taken.

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### Performance Indicators for 2006/07

Performance Indicators (CHI, LPSA2, BV, CBP Targets)	2004/05 Alert (Actual vs Target)	2005/06 Alert (Actual vs Target)	2006/07 Target	2006/07 Year-end Estimate	2006/07 Alert (Estimate vs Target)	Trend	Commentary
CH30 – % looked after children adopted	▲	▲	8	8	●	➡	When the number of children who are looked after goes down, it is harder to achieve the target. Procedures for making plans have been changed following the implementation of the Adoption Act, and these do ensure timely decision-making.
CH31 – % Year 11 children in care gaining one or more A*-G grade	★	●	90	66	▲	➡	The target figure was determined nationally some time ago. All local authorities were expected to reach this level by 2006. Although there has been a downward shift from last year it must be remembered that the numbers of pupils are relatively small (27) and changes from year to year are not statistically significant.
CH39 – Number of pupils excluded per 1,000 pupils	▲	▲	0.95	1.55	▲	➡	This figure represents a fall of over 18% on last year's total and therefore shows a steady decrease in exclusions for the year. It is expected that exclusions will fall still further with the implementation of managed moves.
CH51 – Average score per student entered	★	●	310.2	558.3	●	➡	These are very provisional results and need to be used with caution as they are subject to change. Also, targets for this indicator need to be reviewed in line with changes to the post 16 point scoring system.
CH52 – % 16 year olds achieving five or more A*-C grades	●	▲	62			➡	
CH55 – % pupils achieving Level 4 or above in KS2 English	▲	●	82	82	●	➡	Provisional results. This is above both the statistical neighbours and national average and is in line with the target agreed with the DfES.
















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### ***Performance Indicators for 2006/07 (continued)***

Performance Indicators (CHI, LPSA2, BV, CBP Targets)	2004/05 Alert (Actual vs Target)	2005/06 Alert (Actual vs Target)	2006/07 Target	2006/07 Year-end Estimate	2006/07 Alert (Estimate vs Target)	Trend	Commentary
CH56 – % pupils achieving Level 4 or above in KS2 Maths			83	78			Provisional results. Performance is above both statistical neighbours and national. However it still remains short of the aspirational target agreed with the DfES.
CH82 – % schools with Healthy School Status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	50		<input type="checkbox"/>	The standards required to meet this target have changed mid-year so we are unlikely to meet the end-of-year target
06 M1/1 – % school meals standards met	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100	100		<input type="checkbox"/>	This is the interim food-based standards needing to be met by September 2006. There are other school meals targets in 2007 and 2009.
BV197 – % change in under 18 conception rate relative to the 1998 baseline	<input type="checkbox"/>		-50% by 2010	Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Progress on Corporate Business Plan actions for 2006/07**

Action	Performance	Commentary
Develop the role of the Local Authority as champion of parents and pupils		Work is under way to adopt the Hear by Right Standard with full implementation complete by March 2009. Implementation plan with milestone targets to be agreed by March 2007.
Raise standards in secondary, primary, nursery and special schools		See CHIs above.
Support the development of extended schools and Children's Centres		All schools providing access to the five core offer services for Extended Schools by September 2010 – progress is on track. 13 Children's Centres available at the moment, and further development is planned up to 21 by March 2009.
Deliver the County Youth Offer and promote uptake of opportunities		Work is under way to develop the offer and targets in place by March 2007.
Reduce exclusion from Education		Target is to reduce the level of fixed and permanent exclusions to 50% of the current rate in three years.
Improve the outcomes for vulnerable children, children in need and looked after children		Progress on adoptions and for care leavers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• educational qualifications</li> <li>• employment, education and training for care leavers</li> <li>• suitable accommodation.</li> </ul>
Ensure children are protected from emotional, physical and sexual abuse and neglect		Progress on re-registrations on the child protection register, CP reviews on time and duration on the CP register.
Ensure children in Warwickshire feel safe from bullying		To have systems in place by March 2007 to record incidents in bullying.
Reduce the fear of crime and antisocial behaviour		Agree targets within the LAA for reduction in fear of crime for young people.
Promote healthy lifestyles in schools		To be achieved through the number of schools achieving Healthy Schools Status.
Promote prevention activity to reduce under 18 conceptions		
Integrate services for children and young people with disabilities		Progress on the development of the IDS is on track.
Improve outcomes for children and young people experiencing mental health difficulties		All secondary school pupils will have access to good quality counselling services.




**Update on LPSA2 Targets for 2006/07**

Project	Indicator	Status	Commentary
Improve educational attainment - Early Years	Number of children achieving level 6 or above at Foundation Stage in Personal and Social Education (PSE) and Communication Language and Literacy (CLL).	<b>On target</b>	Staff in place to begin to deliver the support services from September 2006. A project plan is in the process of completion and the project is currently on target.
Improve educational attainment – Key Stage 2 results through music and dance	Enhanced attainment at Key Stage 2 level 4 in English, Maths and Science of a cohort of 516 pupils in 12 Warwickshire schools.	<b>On target</b>	Project staff recruited. Year 4 children from 12 Nuneaton and Bedworth primary schools have embarked on Year 1 of this joint three-year Music and Dance project involving over 500 pupils. All Music Project schools have been fully staffed by the County Music Service. The Pre-Instrumental Stage of the Music project is now fully underway.
Improve educational attainment – Improving destinations for young people	Percentage of Year 11 leavers who are in positive destinations at November following completion of Statutory Education in July.	<b>On target</b>	Two project staff recruited. The project will formally commence mid-October 2006. Data to identify progress and trends will not be available until November. All preparatory work has been completed.
Healthy Schools	To increase the number of schools in Warwickshire achieving Healthy Schools status.	<b>On target</b>	Initial targets for Healthy Schools are very challenging. However, the LSPA2 targets are expected to be met consistently from Summer 2007.

## Other Relevant Indicators

### Safer and Stronger Communities

#### Performance Indicators for 2006/07




Performance Indicators (CHI, LPSA2, BV, CBP Targets)	2004/05 Alert (Actual vs Target)	2005/06 Alert (Actual vs Target)	2006/07 Target	2006/07 Year-end Estimate	2006/07 Alert (Estimate vs Target)	Trend	Commentary
CH84 – % reduction in youth offenders re-offending within 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-37	-37		<input type="checkbox"/>	On target. Re-offending calculated annually over 12 month period following initial selection of young people to be tracked.
06 M2/1 – % key actions achieved in the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100	Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The timescales on some actions have slipped due to a long-term illness.
06 M2/3 – % primary schools with fire safety education delivered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	100	80		<input type="checkbox"/>	The schools programme is run from September to June. It is therefore not possible to record an accurate performance year-end forecast. However, 100% of primary schools will be visited in total.
06 M2/4 – % secondary schools with fire safety education delivered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	75	77		<input type="checkbox"/>	Of the total number of schools in Warwickshire, we have 69% as part of the schools programme. Of these, we will complete 100% from September to June.

**Update on LPSA2 Targets for 2006/07**

Project	Indicator	Status	Commentary
Reduce youth re-offending in Warwickshire	The percentage of young people who re-offend within 12 months based on the cohort identified between 1 <sup>st</sup> October to 31 <sup>st</sup> December each year.	<b>No data available yet</b>	This is an annual target and can only be measured at the end of each year as the offending cohort is selected October-December each year and tracked forward over the following 12 months.
	Increase the number of parents receiving targeted support from YOT and increase parents' satisfaction rate with this service.	<b>On target</b>	We now have two of our three parenting workers in place and are able to increase our offer of parenting programmes to young offenders' parents.
	Increase the number of victims participating in a restorative process and increase victims' satisfaction rate with this service.	<b>On target</b>	Gradual increase of victims participating in restorative processes with satisfaction rates remaining within target.

## Economic Development and Enterprise

### Performance Indicators for 2006/07

Performance Indicators (CHI, LPSA2, BV, CBP Targets)	2004/05 Alert (Actual vs Target)	2005/06 Alert (Actual vs Target)	2006/07 Target	2006/07 Year-end Estimate	2006/07 Alert (Estimate vs Target)	Trend	Commentary
CH15 – % positive destinations for 16+ school leavers			93.9	Not available	<input type="checkbox"/>		Data available in November 2006.