

Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14 December, 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 DECEMBER, 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 Jose Compton – Warwick District 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 16 November 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. Presentation – Evidence Gathering for Young People and Alcohol

Evidence Gathering for Scrutiny Review to look at the inappropriate use of alcohol by young people.

Recommendations:

Committee to comment.

For further information please contact Michelle McHugh, Scrutiny Officer, Tel: 01926 412144 E-mail michellemchugh@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. Hear by Right

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

To evaluate where we are with this initiative and to approve a process for implementation.

Recommendations:

That the Committee:

- (1) supports the proposal that there be an audit of each Division's current position and plans are then drawn up towards establishing the Warwickshire Award for Involvement with a view to progressing towards the Hear by Right National Standard.
- (2) forms a small working group with key officers to oversee and support these plans.
- (3) receives a quarterly report on progress towards the Hear by Right standard.

For further information please contact Hugh Disley, Head of Division for Young People, Tel: 01926 742578 E-mail hughdisley@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Progress report on outstanding items from the Action Plan arising from the Ofsted Inspection of Youth Services May 2005

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

This report updates Members on progress against the outstanding items of the action plan presented to Committee on September 14th 2006. It identifies progress against the Widening Participation and Rural Youth Work developments.

Recommendation:

That the Committee consider the progress against the outstanding actions identified by this Committee following the presentation of the action plan at the previous meeting.

For further information please contact Hugh Disley, Head of Division for Young People, Tel: 01926 742578 E-mail hughdisley@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Recommendations of the Complaints Working Group

Report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development.

This report summarises the recommendations of the Complaints Working Group, established by the Children, Young People and Families Overview and

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Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise how Councillors can be involved in the Social Care and representations complaints process.

Recommendation:

The Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to endorse the recommendations of the Complaints Working Group outlined in section 3 of this report.

For further information please contact Michelle McHugh, Scrutiny Officer, Tel: 01926 412144 E-mail michellemchugh@warwickshire.gov.uk or Karen Smith, Customer Relations Manager, Tel: 01926 414103 E-mail karensmith@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 – 11 January 2007

Capital Programme Projects

School Balances

Changes to School's Indicated Admission Number in Alcester

School Organisation in Warwick

Consultation response to the Green Paper – Care Matters: Transforming the Lives of Children and Young People in Care

Paddox Primary School – EXEMPT

Rugby Area Committee – 25 January 2007

Paddox Primary School – EXEMPT

Changes to schools' priority areas (Clifton-upon-Dunsmore C of E Primary School, Boughton Leigh Infant School, Boughton Leigh Junior School and Brownsover Community School)

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

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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