

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

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

Date of Committee 27th June 2007

Report Title Hear by Right / Warwickshire Award for Involvement

Summary To report on progress made.

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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 CYP&F O&S report 14.12.06

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

Other Committees

Local Member(s)

Other Elected Members For information:
Cllr Heather Timms
Cllr Richard Grant – “agree for scrutiny by the Committee”
Cllr John Whitehouse – “noted”

Cabinet Member For information:
Cllr Izzi Seccombe

- Other Cabinet Members consulted
- Chief Executive
- Legal Victoria Gould – comments incorporated in the report
- Finance
- Other Strategic Directors
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Michelle McHugh, Scrutiny Officer

FINAL DECISION **NO**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee Further reports to future CYP&F O&S meetings
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Committee considers and comments on the progress made to date.
- (2) That the Committee confirms the nomination of Councillors King and Shilton to the County Participation Forum which will lead the design and implementation of the Action Plan on behalf of the Directorate.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 The Committee was informed about 'Hear by Right' at the meeting in December 2006. As you aware, 'Hear by Right' is a tried and tested standards framework for organisations across the statutory and voluntary sectors. It is used to assess and improve both policy and practice relating to the active involvement of children and young people in decision-making processes for services affecting them.
- 1.2 The draft Local Area Agreement contains a target to achieve full compliance with 'Hear by Right' by 2009/10.
- 1.3 It was agreed that the Warwickshire Award for Involvement would be the tool that would enable Services to achieve the 'Hear by Right' standard.

2. Where are we now with Hear by Right / Warwickshire Award for Involvement?

- 2.1 At the meeting in December 2006 this Committee resolved to form a small working group (one Councillor from each Group and a non-Councillor member of the Committee) with key officers to oversee and support these plans.

- 2.2 The County Participation Forum has now agreed to take on the responsibility for designing and implementing the Action Plan. The Forum includes representatives from services across the Directorate and partners from other statutory and voluntary agencies throughout the county. The membership will be expanded to include greater representation from children and families organisations.
- 2.3 Councillors King and Shilton are the proposed nominees to join the Forum and contribute to this work. Both will be briefed about the role of the Forum and the Hear by Right context prior to the Forum's next meeting.
- 2.4 The Committee also recommended an audit of each Service to assess where they are against the Warwickshire Award for Involvement targets. This will take place through the summer.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Committee considers and comments on the progress made to date.
- 3.2 That the Committee confirms the nomination of Councillors King and Shilton to the County Participation Forum which will lead the design and implementation of the Action Plan on behalf of the Directorate.

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