

Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

27 June, 2007

Agenda

A meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE, 2007 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 Dave Shilton – Warwick District 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 meetings held on 25 April 2007, 21 May 2007, 5 June 2007 and Combined Minutes of 29 May 2007 and 12 June 2007**
- (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. School Reserves (balances)

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

This report explains the recent changes to the financial control framework for school reserves and provides an update on Warwickshire's level of school reserves.

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Committee considers the information provided on school reserves and decides whether further review work is necessary following the introduction of the mechanism to control surplus balances.
- (2) If the Committee concludes a further review is required, the recommendation would be to convene a working group in conjunction with the Schools Forum.

For further information please contact Nicole Jones, Strategic Finance Manager, Tel: 01926 738417 E-mail nicolejones@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. Warwickshire Youth Justice Plan

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

This report introduces the objectives of the annual Youth Justice Plan. The Committee is asked to scrutinize the Youth Justice Plan and ensure it meets the needs of young people, victims and communities in Warwickshire. It is also asked to support the recommendation for Cabinet to endorse the Plan.

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Committee comments upon the content of the Youth Justice Plan and whether it meets the County Council's objectives of reducing youth offending and meetings its responsibilities to young people, families, victims, communities and criminal justice partners.
- (2) That the Committee recommends the Youth Justice Plan 2007/08 be endorsed by Cabinet prior to adoption by the County Council.

For further information please contact Diane Johnson, Head of Youth Offending Team, Tel: 01926 736204 E-mail dianejohnson@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Hear by Right / Warwickshire Award for Involvement

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

To report on progress made.

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.

For further information please contact Hugh Disley, Head of Division for Young People, Tel: 01926 742578 E-mail hughdisley@warwickshire.gov.uk or Peter Hatcher, Principal Youth Officer – Youth and Community Service, Tel: 01926 742485 E-mail peterhatcher@warwickshire.gov.uk.

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6. Children, Young People and Families Directorate Performance Report Full Year 2006/07

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

This report summarises the full-year performance (1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007) of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate.

Recommendation:

That the Committee is asked to:

- (1) consider the performance report submitted by the Children Young People and Families Directorate for the full-year 2006/07.
- (2) endorse any proposed remedial actions.
- (3) request any additional information required

For further information please contact Lisa Robertson, Senior Planning Officer (Performance) Tel: 01926 742356 E-mail lisarobertson@warwickshire.gov.uk or Geoff King, Head of Service – Commissioning, Planning & Partnerships, Tel: 01926 742389 E-mail geoffking@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Asset Management Plan relating to Schools and Non-school Buildings

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

This paper deals with the section of the County's corporate Asset Management Plan relating to the Children, Young People and Families Directorate

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Committee consider and comment on the Children, Young People and Families Directorate's strategy relating to school and non-school buildings in the Corporate Asset Management Plan with those comments being forwarded on to the Cabinet for consideration.
- (2) That the Committee identifies any areas covered in the report for further scrutiny.

For further information please contact John Harmon, Education Officer (Capital Programme), Tel: 01926 738570 E-mail johnharmon@warwickshire.gov.uk or Dahlia Harrison, Asset Management

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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 is attached.

Forward Plan

For information:

Cabinet – 19 July 2007

Warwickshire Youth Justice Plan
Post-16 transport
School Organisation Framework Document
Stratford High School
Rokeby Primary School
Young Carers Service

Cabinet – 6 September 2007

Change to School's Indicated Admission Number in Alcester
School organisation in North Warwickshire

Cabinet – 27 September 2007

Schools Funding Formula review

County Council – 11 September 2007

Youth Justice Plan

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:- Jill Dill-Russell, Richard Grant, Katherine King, Helen McCarthy, Mike Perry, John Ross, Dave Shilton, 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

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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