

Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

11 October, 2007

Agenda

A meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 2007 at 10.00 am.**

The agenda will be:-

1. General

- (1) Apologies for Absence
- (2) Members' Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the 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.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

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 19 September 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. LA Intervention Policy 2007

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

The revised policy outlines how the LA will intervene in schools to promote high standards. In particular, it sets out how the LA will work with schools causing concern.

Recommendation

That the Committee endorse the revised Intervention Policy and consider the new responsibilities for the Local Authority in relation to promoting higher standards.

For further information please contact Bob Hooper, Head of School Performance. Tel: 01926 742008, e-mail

bobhooper@warwickshire.gov.uk.

4. ICT and Schools

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

This report outlines the views and recommendations of the joint scrutiny panel established by the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to scrutinise ICT and Schools.

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Recommendation:

The Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to agree that:

- i) Further scrutiny work should be undertaken during 2010 to feed into further discussions regarding the future of the We-Learn project,
- ii) The issue of equality of access needs to be addressed during the technology refresh in 2008, and further reports be made to the Committee regarding options available.

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

5. 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 – 18 October 2007

Paddox Primary School, Rugby

Stratford High School

Rokeby Primary School

Special school reorganisation in Central Warwickshire

Alcohol and Young People

SEN reorganisation (Exempt)

Cabinet - 15 November 2007

Woodloes Primary School, Warwick

Revised scheme for adaptations to carers' property

Irrecoverable debt

Admission arrangements

6. 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 (Chair), Katherine King, Helen McCarthy, Mike Perry, John Ross, Dave Shilton, Kam Singh, Mota Singh, Heather Timms, John Wells and John Whitehouse (Vice Chair).

Cabinet Portfolio Holders:- Councillors John Burton (Schools), Izzi Seccombe (Children's Services)

Church Representatives:- Linda Wainscot and Reverend Terry Hum.

Parent Governor Representatives:- Ruth Davies-McCrorie, Tim Sturges

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.

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