

# Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

12 November, 2007

## Agenda

A meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers)

- (3) **Minutes of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 11 October 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](mailto: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. Corporate Parenting Policy, Strategy and Action Plan – Progress Report**

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

The report provides an overview of developments in relation to the Local Authority's Corporate Parenting Policy, Strategy and Action Plan. It will show that significant progress has been made in many areas since its approval by Council on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006. Since this time the Government has produced its White Paper *Care Matters – Time for Change*, and the recommendations from that will need to be incorporated within Warwickshire's Corporate Parenting Policy and Strategy and be reflected in future Action Plans.

### **Recommendations:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the progress made in relation to the Corporate Parenting Policy, Strategy and Action Plan and examines future progress in November 2008.

For further information please contact Brenda Vincent , Assistant Head of Service, Tel: 01926 413324 E-mail [brendavincent@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:brendavincent@warwickshire.gov.uk) or Chris Hallett, Head of Service – Children in Need Division, Tel: 01926 742577 E-mail [chrishallett@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:chrishallett@warwickshire.gov.uk).

---

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers)

#### **4. The Regional Spatial Strategy and school-place planning in Warwickshire**

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

The Regional Spatial Strategy proposes significant numbers of new housing provision in the County for the period up to 2026. This will have implications in the long and medium term for school-place planning.

##### **Recommendations:**

That the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) Scrutinise the report and the proposed next steps for addressing the impact the regional special strategy will have on school-place planning.
- (2) Considers how and when further scrutiny should be carried out in relation to this.

For further information please contact Phil Astle, Assistant Head of Service – Service Planning, Tel: 01926 742166 E-mail

[philastle@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:philastle@warwickshire.gov.uk).

#### **5. Mid-year Directorate Report Card 2007/08**

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

This report provides an analysis of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate's performance at the mid-year point for 2007/08. It reports on performance against the key performance indicators as set out in the Directorate Report Card.

##### **Recommendations:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider both the summary and detail of the performance indicators within the Directorate Report Card at the mid-year point of 2007/08.

For further information please contact Geoff King, Head of Service – Commissioning, Planning and Partnerships, Tel: 01926 742389 E-mail [geoffking@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:geoffking@warwickshire.gov.uk) or David MacNiven, Assistant Head of Service – Knowledge and Information Management Service, Tel: 01926 742468 E-mail [davidmacniven@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:davidmacniven@warwickshire.gov.uk).

---

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers)

## 6. 2007/08 Efficiency Savings – Children, Young People and Families Progress Report

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

This report outlines the progress the Children, Young People and Families Directorate has made to date in delivering the required efficiency savings in 2007/08 required as part of the 2007/08 budget.

### Recommendations:

That the Committee consider the achievement of the Children, Young People and Families Directorate in delivering and exceeding the 2007/08 efficiency savings target.

For further information please contact Sheila Rennolds, Principal Accountant, Tel: 01926 742418 E-mail [sheilarennolds@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:sheilarennolds@warwickshire.gov.uk) or Ruth Barnett, Senior Finance Officer, Tel: 01926 742461 E-mail [ruthbarnett@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:ruthbarnett@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 – 15 November 2007

Revised Scheme for Adaptations to Carers' property  
Care Matters – Time for Change  
Etone School: Proposal to establish Post-16 Provision

#### Cabinet – 6 December 2007

Post 16 Transport  
School Organisation Framework  
Rokeby Primary School  
Woodloes Primary Schools, Warwick  
Special School Reorganisation in Central Warwickshire  
SEN Reorganisation (Exempt)  
Building Schools for the Future  
Changing School Admission Numbers  
Sub Regional Approach to the Procurement of Independent Fostering Provision  
Irrecoverable Debt

---

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/committee-papers)

## 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:-** 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:-** Ruth Davies-McCrorie and Tim Sturges

## The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

**General Enquiries:** Please contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079

**E-mail:** [annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk)

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