

Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5 December, 2007

Agenda

A special meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 2007 at 9.30 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.

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2. Child Poverty

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

This paper is a context setting report for the Committee's single issue meeting dedicated to Child Poverty.

The Government set targets in 1999 to eliminate child poverty by 2020. There are pockets of deprivation in Warwickshire that need to be eradicated to allow all children to achieve economic well-being. A partnership strategy is necessary to achieve this.

Recommendation

That the Committee uses the content of this report and the report taken to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board (attached as **Appendix 1**), in conjunction with presentations being made to the Committee at this meeting, to:

- (1) scrutinise current efforts to address Child Poverty, and
- (2) make recommendations as to how Warwickshire County Council and our partners can further raise the profile of child poverty and contribute to its elimination.

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The Programme for the meeting and a briefing note for Members will follow by e-mail.

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Chief Executive

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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

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