

Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23 January, 2008

Agenda

A meeting of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY, 2008 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 meetings held on 12 November 2007 and 5 December 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. Scrutiny of Bullying

Report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development

This report outlines the work carried out by the County Youth Panel on behalf of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to scrutinise bullying.

Recommendation:

That Committee is recommended to agree the recommendations of the County Youth Panel contained in the Scrutiny of Bullying report and request Cabinet to endorse the recommendations.

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

4. Final report on outstanding items from the Action Plan arising from Ofsted Inspection of Youth Service, May 2005

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

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This report updates Members on progress against the outstanding items of the Action Plan presented to this Committee on 14th September 2006. It identifies progress against the Widening Participation and Rural Youth Work developments.

Recommendations:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider and comment on the final report from the 2005 Youth Service Ofsted Inspection Action Plan.

For further information please contact Peter Hatcher, Principal Youth Officer, Tel: 01926 742485 E-mail peterhatcher@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Child Poverty

Report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development

This report contains the Committee's views and recommendations from the single issue meeting held on 5th December 2007.

Recommendation:

The Committee is recommended to agree the Child Poverty Report and ask Cabinet to endorse the recommendations in the report.

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

6. LAA Six Monthly Performance

Report of the Strategic Director for Performance and Development

Reporting on the performance of the LAA over the first six months.

Recommendation:

That the Committee:

- a) Welcomes the comprehensive performance management information contained in this report
- b) Comments upon the progress made to date in relation to the Children and Young People's block of the LAA and remedial actions suggested by the Block Leader in respect of those measures that are currently forecasted to miss target

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- c) Makes initial comments on the indicators for the revised LAA

For further information please contact Nick Gower-Johnson, County Partnerships Manager, Tel: 01926 412053 E-mail nickgower-johnson@warwickshire.gov.uk or David Macniven, Education Officer – Information, Tel: 01926 742468 E-mail davidmacniven@warwickshire.gov.uk.

7. Report of the Complaints Task and Finish Group

Report of the Chair of the Complaints Task and Finish Group

This report contains the view and recommendations of the Complaints Task and Finish Group.

Recommendation:

The Committee is recommended to agree the recommendations of the Complaints Task and Finish Group contained in this report.

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

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 – 31 January 2008

Stratford High School

Woodloes Primary School, Warwick

Irrecoverable Debt

Special School Reorganisation in Central Warwickshire

Acorns Primary School

Cabinet – 21 February 2008

Capital Issues

SEN reorganisation

Special Schools Funding Formula Review

Strategic Planning for secondary provision in Nuneaton/Building Schools for the Future

Lillington Primary School

School amalgamations in Rugby

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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:- 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

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

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