

Children, Young People & Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23 April, 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 APRIL, 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.

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- (3) **Minutes of the Children, Young People and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 26 February 2008**
- (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. Looked After Children – Update of Progress – Councillor Izzi Seccombe

4. Review of Inclusion Strategy

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

This report summarises the developments within each of the workstreams of the Inclusion Strategy, now embedded in the Children and Young People's Plan. Key priorities are identified, where appropriate.

Recommendation:

That the Committee scrutinise the activity outlined within this report which provides up-to-date information about the developments within the Inclusion Strategy.

For further information please contact Liz Holt, Assistant Head of Service – SEN and Inclusion, Tel: 01926 742342 E-mail lizholt@warwickshire.gov.uk.

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5. **IdeA Joint Area Review (JAR) Peer Review Report and Working Draft Improvement Plan**

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

This report presents Members with the IDeA Peer Review Report (JAR) for Warwickshire County Council and asks them to consider the working draft Improvement Plan for comment and approval.

Please note that a copy of the Pre JAR Health Check Final Report (Appendix A) has been made available for members of the Committee only. An electronic copy of this document is available on the website.

Recommendation:

That the Committee:

- (1) comment on the draft combined action plan following the IdeA Peer Review Report's findings and key recommendations
- (2) recommends the draft Improvement Plan to County Council on 13 May 2008.

For further information please contact Geoff King, Head of Service – Commissioning, Planning and Partnerships Division, Tel: 01926 742389 E-mail geoffking@warwickshire.gov.uk or David Macniven, Education Officer - Information, Tel: 01926 742468 E-mail davidmacniven@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. **Update on Review of Demand for School Meals report (September 2007) – Report to Follow**

Joint Report of the Strategic Directors for Children, Young People and Families and Resources

A report on action taken since the Review of School Meals Report in 2007.

Recommendation:

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the report.

For further information please contact Mark Gore, Head of Service - Education Partnerships & School Development Division, Tel: 01926 742588 E-mail markgore@warwickshire.gov.uk or Sandra Russell, Divisional Director Catering, Tel: 01926 412789 E-mail sandrarussell@warwickshire.gov.uk.

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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.

Additional Recommendation - Developing the 2008/09 Core Work Programme

The Committee is asked to consider whether any other issues should be included as part of the Core Work Programme 2008/09

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group considered what should be included in a 2008/09 core work programme for overview and scrutiny.

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Group are recommending the inclusion of the following items

- PriceWaterhouseCoopers Benchmarking reports
- Directorate/Performance Reports
- Local Area Agreement Performance Reports
- Medium Term Financial Plan/Finance Reports
- Action Plans arising from external inspections/reports.

The Group asked that Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Cabinet be consulted on any other issues that should be included for 2008/09. Any suggestions will be fed back to the next meeting of the Group on 30 April 2008.

Forward Plan

For information:

Cabinet – 24 April 2008

- Stratford-upon-Avon primary schools
- Capital programme projects
- Transforming Education in Warwickshire

Cabinet – 22 May 2008

- Irrecoverable Debts
- Sub regional approach to the procurement of residential social care placements
- Woodloes Infant School and Woodloes Junior School, Warwick
- Lillington schools, Leamington
- Youth and Community Service Premises Review
- Home to School Transport Policy
- School term and holiday dates 2009/10
- Secondary Provision in Nuneaton and Bedworth
- Etone School, Nuneaton – Proposals to establish a sixth form

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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:- Dr Rex Pogson

Parent Governor Representatives:- Ruth Davies-McCrorie and 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.