

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

8 September 2010

Agenda

A meeting of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK on WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2010 at 14.00 p.m.**

The agenda will be: -

1. General

- (1) **Appointment of Vice Chair**
- (2) **Apologies**
- (3) **Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

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

(4) **Remit of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

To review and or scrutinise the provision of public services in Warwickshire relating to Fire & Rescue, Community Safety, Trading

The public reports referred to are available on the Warwickshire Web
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Standards, Transport and Highways, Economic Development and Environment, Adult Learning Libraries, Heritage, and Tourism.

(5) Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1 June 2010

These are provided for information to help inform discussion on the future work programme.

(6) 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 Corporate Services and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Questioners may ask two questions and can speak for up to three minutes each.

For further information about public question time, please contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079 or e-mail annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk.

3. Questions to the Portfolio Holders

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Lead Portfolio Holder, Environment and Economy)

Councillor Colin Hayfield (Lead Portfolio Holder, Customers, Workforce and Partnership)

Councillor Richard Hobbs (Community Safety)

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for Members of the Committee to put questions to the Portfolio Holders on any matters relevant to the Communities remit.

4. Combined Aerial Rescue Platform (CARP)

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

Fire and Rescue Service have taken delivery of 2 Combined Aerial Rescue Platform (CARP) appliances. Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee have asked for an update on progress with commissioning of these vehicles.

Recommendation

The Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the report and make recommendations as appropriate

For further information please contact Jim Onions, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Tel: 01926 423231 E-mail jimonions@warwickshire.gov.uk.

5. Youth Justice Service Report on Reduction of Re-offending

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

This report was requested by the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It outlines the excellent performance of the Warwickshire Youth Justice Service (WYJS) in achieving the stated objectives of preventing youth crime and reducing re-offending of those young people who have committed offences.

The paper describes some of the interventions provided to young people supervised by the Service and demonstrates the effectiveness of those interventions.

The paper also outlines the effect of the current economic climate on both re-offending rates and the ability of the WYJS to be effective in continuing the excellent performance.

Recommendation

That the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- i. note the report and the current YJB rated performance of 'excellent' for Warwickshire Youth Justice Service with regard to reducing re-offending and the effectiveness of the interventions delivered by the Service.
- ii. consider the potential risks resulting from the current economic climate and reduction in funding to the Youth Justice Service.

For further information please contact Lesley Tregear, Warwickshire Youth Justice Service Manager, Tel : 01926 736204 E-mail lesleytregear@warwickshire.gov.uk or Phil Sawbridge, Head of Service – Children in Need Division, Tel: 01926 742577 E-mail philsawbridge@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Committee Work Programme and suggested topics for Task and Finish Groups

This report outlines the draft work programme for the Committee and review outlines for suggested Task and Finish Groups to be passed onto the Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration..

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to agree:

- i) the draft work programme, to be reviewed and reprioritised as appropriate throughout the year

- ii) the suggested review outlines and forward them onto the Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration

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

Forward Plan

For information:

Cabinet – 9 September 2010

Concessionary Travel Policy and discretionary options within Warwickshire

Cabinet – 18 November 2010

Concessionary Travel funding position from DfT

7. Any Other Items

which the Chair decides are urgent.

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Chief Executive

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

County Councillors

Sarah Boad, Richard Chattaway, Jeff Clarke, Barry Lobbett, Mike Gittus, Phillip Morris-Jones, Martin Shaw, Ray Sweet, John Whitehouse (Chair), Chris Williams

Cabinet Members

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Lead Portfolio Holder for Environment and Economy)

Councillor Colin Hayfield (Lead Portfolio Holder for Customers, Workforce and Partnerships)

Councillor Richard Hobbs (Lead Portfolio Holder for Community Safety)

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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