

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 6th July, 2009
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2009.

3. **Declaration of Interest/Party Whip**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests and for members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda.

For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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4. Public Speaking Time/Open Session

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a total period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to the work of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research it would be helpful if questions were submitted at least one working day before the meeting.

5. Safeguarding Children

At the previous meeting of the Committee, Members were briefed on matters raised in the Lord Laming report on Child Protection and advised how Safeguarding services would operate within Cheshire East. Members were informed of an Action Plan that had been developed to address the recommendations of both the Lord Laming report and the recommendations that had arisen following the Annual Performance Assessment that had been carried out of Cheshire County Council's services in 2008.

The Committee agreed to give further consideration to Safeguarding issues and is now invited to discuss what further information is required and when this should be considered so as to facilitate the development of the Committee's Work Programme.

6. Work Programme update (Pages 7 - 10)

To consider a report on the Work Programme.

7. Forward Plan - extracts (Pages 11 - 16)

To note the current Forward Plan, identify any new items and to determine whether any further examination of new issues is appropriate

8. Consultations from Cabinet

To note any consultations referred to the Committee from Cabinet and to determine whether any further action is appropriate.