

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 18th January, 2010
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. **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.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2009.

4. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

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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A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit 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 members of the public notified the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting with brief details of the matter to be covered.

5. **Children's Services Annual Rating** (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive an oral report of the Strategic Director People. A letter dated 9 December 2009 received from Ofsted relating to the Children's services annual rating is enclosed.

6. **Redesign of Children's Services** (Pages 11 - 16)

To consider a report of the Strategic Director People.

7. **Summary of School Performance 2008-9** (Pages 17 - 46)

To consider a report of the Strategic Director People.

8. **Cheshire East Budget 2010 - 11**

To receive a verbal update on the budget.

9. **Schools White paper**

To receive a presentation on the Schools White Paper.

10. **Early Years Funding Reform**

The Committee has previously been consulted on the implementation of a single funding formula for early years provision. The formula was the subject of a consultation exercise prior to implementation from April 2010. A verbal update on the current position will be made to the meeting.

11. **Children's Trust**

To receive a presentation on the Children's Trust.

12. **Youth Offending Service - Improvement plan** (Pages 47 - 50)

To consider a report of the Strategic Director People.

13. **Scrutiny Review - Managing the Provision of School Places - report on Transforming Learning Communities and its implications for Cheshire East Council**

The final report of the Scrutiny Review Panel was submitted to Cabinet on 22 December, a verbal report on the outcome will be made at the meeting.

14. **Work Programme update** (Pages 51 - 58)

To consider a report of the Borough Solicitor.

15. **Forward Plan - extracts** (Pages 59 - 62)

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

16. **Consultations from Cabinet**

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