

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 19th October, 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. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2010

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.

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. **Special Educational Needs Review** (Pages 5 - 10)

To receive a report on the Children and Families review of Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision and progress made to date.

6. **Academies Update** (Pages 11 - 16)

To receive an update on the Academies Act 2010 and its subsequent financial implications for both Academies and the Local Authority (LA).

7. **Annual Unannounced Inspection of Contact, Referral and Assessment Arrangements within Local Authority Children's Services** (Pages 17 - 30)

To consider a report of the Director of Children's Services

8. **Biannual Report for Regulation 33 Visits - Cheshire East Children's Homes** (Pages 31 - 36)

To receive a Bi-Annual Report for Regulation 33 Visits

9. **Frequency of Meetings**

Members to consider the frequency and form of meetings going forward.

10. **Work Programme update** (Pages 37 - 52)

To give consideration to the work programme

11. **Forward Plan - extracts** (Pages 53 - 54)

To give consideration to the extracts of the forward plan which fall within the remit of the Committee.

12. **Consultations from Cabinet**

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