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Children and Young People Policy and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 3 December 2009
Time: 10.00 am
Venues: Committee Room 1, County Hall

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Agenda

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The main focus of this meeting will be on issues arising from the Corporate Score Card on Schools Standards and Looked After Children and Member visits to Children's Residential Homes.

Agenda Item

1. Apologies and Substitution Notices

The Committee Officer to report the receipt of apologies for absence and substitution notices as appropriate.

2. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest to be made by Members.

3. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Children and Young People Policy and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on [1 October 2009](#).

4. Executive Director for Schools, Children and Families

Malcolm Newsam, the new interim Executive Director of Schools Children and Families will present his vision for the Department.

5. Corporate Score Card Issues

To consider the attached Corporate Score Card ([CYP/24/09](#)) which raises a number of issues in relation to Schools Standards and Looked After Children.

i) School Standards

The Chairman will update the Committee on the School Standards in the light of a recent discussion with Terry Reynolds, Director for Learning School Improvement and Early Years.

ii) Looked After Children

Nicky Pace, Director, Vulnerable Children & Young People will be present to answer questions on the Score Card regarding Looked After Children and will provide a brief paper commenting on the score Card ([CYP/25/09](#)).

6. Members Visits to Children's Residential Homes

All Members will report on the visits they made to Children's Residential Homes last month.

7. Draft Essex School Organisation Plan 2009 - 2014

A consultation process on this Plan commenced on 10 November and will conclude on 21 December. All Members have been sent a copy of the Plan from David Mason in School Organisation and Planning.

It is suggested that a sub-group of the Committee be appointed to consider the Plan and respond on the Committee's behalf.

8. Forward Look

To consider the attached report [\(CYP/26/09\)](#) by Graham Redgwell.

9. Dates of Future Meetings

It is proposed that the following dates be reserved for this Committee as activity days, and may comprise:

- Meetings in private
- Meetings in public
- Working groups
- Sub-Committee meetings
- Outside visits

Thursday 7th January 2010
Thursday 4th February 2010
Thursday 4th March 2010
Thursday 1st April 2010

10. Urgent Part I Business

To consider any other items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

11. Exclusion of the Public

To consider whether the public (including the press) should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (exclusion is recommended for the items set out in Part II below).

PART II

(Business to be taken in private)

12. Members Visits to Children's Residential Homes

This is to give Members an opportunity to report any confidential issues arising from the recent visits to Children's Residential Homes.

13. Urgent Part II Business

To consider any other items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in private by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.