

Children's and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Meeting to be held on 6 SEPTEMBER 2007, AT 6PM

Your attendance is requested at the above meeting, which will be held at the Council House, Walsall. A list of the items of business to be considered at the meeting, together with any supporting papers is enclosed. Please bring the papers with you to the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors: E. Hughes (Chair)	Non-Elected Voting Members:
E.E. Pitt (Vice Chair) Ahmed, Bird, Cassidy, Chambers, Khan, Martin, Micklewright	Lichfield Diocesan Education (1 - voting) Archbishop of Birmingham (1 - voting) Parent Governors (3 - voting) Primary Education Teacher (1 - non-voting) Secondary Education Teachers (1 - non-voting)

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Zahid - Children's services

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ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	Apologies	
2.	Substitutions	
3.	Declarations of interest and party whip	
4.	Minutes of previous meeting 5 July 2007	Enclosed
5.	Training opportunities	
	Local Government Association – the future of learning disabilities (17 September 2007)	Enclosed
	Local Government Information Unit - Children's mental health (20 September 2007)	Enclosed
	Inlogov - Chairing Scrutiny (31 October 2007)	Enclosed
6.	Forward plan 9 August 2007	Enclosed
7.	Presentation on JAR – Bill Henwood	Presentation
8.	Council motion on Youth Service (23rd April 2007) As from 8.1.07 under section 6 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, local authorities are expected to secure access for young people to "positive activities" including youth clubs, sports facilities and arts projects. "Positive activities might include sports clubs, cultural events, volunteering schemes or arts projects but the scope is broad and activities can be educational or recreational – so long as they contribute to young people's well being". Projects should be delivered in partnership with the voluntary and community sector. This Council therefore requests the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel to consider this duty and investigate the provision for positive activities available to different age groups. Furthermore, the responsible Cabinet Member provides a report together with any recommendations from Scrutiny to full Council (within six months) as to the implementation of the requirement of the 2006 Act. Education and Inspections Act Section 6 report – Louise Hughes	<u>To Follow</u>
9.	Update on education contract – Louise Hughes and Tom McNeill	<u>Presentation</u>
10.	School standards summary table	<u>Tabled</u>
11.	Date of next meeting 18 October 2007	