



Walsall Council

Children's and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Meeting to be held on 23 July 2009 at 6.00p.m.

Your attendance is requested at the above meeting, which will be held at the Council House.

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: Chair: Councillor E. Hughes
Vice-Chair: Councillor E. Pitt

Councillors: Councillor Beeley
Councillor Cassidy
Councillor Chambers
Councillor Khan
Councillor Martin
Councillor Munir
Councillor Paul

PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Councillor Walker – Children's Services

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ITEMS FOR BUSINESS

1.	<p>Apologies To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Panel.</p>	
2.	<p>Substitutions To receive notice of any substitutions from a member of the Panel for the duration of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of interest and party whip To receive declarations of interest or the party whip from Members in respect of items on the agenda.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting that took place on 11 June 2009.</p>	<p><u>Enclosed</u> 5 – 10</p>
5.	<p>Building Schools for the Future (BSF) To provide an update to the Panel on progress.</p>	<p><u>Enclosed</u> 11</p>
6.	<p>LAA Monitoring To inform the Panel of progress against the performance of the current Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets at the end of 2008/09. On the basis of the information provided the Panel might consider whether to add to its work programme as decided at its last meeting.</p>	<p><u>Enclosed</u> 13 - 20</p>
7.	<p>Quarterly Financial Monitoring To inform the Panel of the outturn position for the year ended 2008/09 for Children's Services and the year end financial position.</p>	<p><u>Enclosed</u> 21 - 25</p>
8.	<p>Safeguarding Children Guidance will be provided to the Panel including guidance on the number of social workers, the number of looked after children (LACs) & average caseloads. A social worker will also be attending the meeting to provide further guidance to the Panel.</p>	<p><u>Verbal</u></p>
9.	<p>Children's Centres To provide the Panel with an overview of the current situation in relation to the development of Children's Centres across Walsall identifying their location and associated costs and provide some examples of achievements across the Centres.</p>	<p><u>Enclosed</u> 26 - 31</p>

11.	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>Membership confirmed as follows:</p> <p>Positive Activities Working Group: Cllr Hughes(Lead Member); Cllr Beeley & Cllr Martin; First meeting: 30 July, 5:30, room Civic 1A</p> <p>Unauthorised Absence Policy Working Group: Cllr Cassidy (Lead Member): Cllr Chamers and Mr A McDevitt (Parent Governor) First meeting: 9 September, 6:00, Conference room</p>	
12.	<p>Work Programme 2009/10</p> <p>Review of work programme and forward plan.</p>	<p><u>Enclosed</u></p> <p>32 - 40</p>
13.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To note the time and date of the next meeting as 6.00pm on 24 September 2009.</p>	