

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Thursday 27 September 2012 at 2.00 pm

To be held at the Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH

The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend

Membership

Councillors Gill Furniss (Chair), Andrew Sangar (Deputy Chair), Jayne Dunn, George Lindars-Hammond, Talib Hussain, Karen McGowan, Mohammad Maroof, Lynn Rooney, Nikki Sharpe, Stuart Wattam, Rob Frost, Keith Hill and Colin Ross

Education Non-Council Members

Jules Jones, Gillian Foster, Joan Stratford and Alison Warner

Sheffield Local Involvement Network
(Observer)

Substitute Members

In accordance with the Constitution, Substitute Members may be provided for the above Committee Members as and when required.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

The Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee exercises an overview and scrutiny function in respect of the planning, policy development and monitoring of service performance and other general issues relating to learning and attainment and the care of children and young people within the Children's Services area of Council activity. It also scrutinises as appropriate the various local Health Services functions, with particular reference to those relating to the care of children.

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at www.sheffield.gov.uk. You can also see the reports to be discussed at the meeting if you call at the First Point Reception, Town Hall, Pinstone Street entrance. The Reception is open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and between 9.00 am and 4.45 pm. on Friday, or you can ring on telephone no. 2734552. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked * on the agenda.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Scrutiny Committee meetings. Please see the Council's website or contact Democratic Services for further information.

Scrutiny Committee meetings are normally open to the public but sometimes the Committee may have to discuss an item in private. If this happens, you will be asked to leave. Any private items are normally left until last. If you would like to attend the meeting please report to the First Point Reception desk where you will be directed to the meeting room.

If you require any further information about this Scrutiny Committee, please contact David Molloy, Scrutiny Policy Officer on 0114 2735065 or email david.molloy@sheffield.gov.uk.

FACILITIES

There are public toilets available, with wheelchair access, on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Induction loop facilities are available in meeting rooms.

Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained through the ramp on the side to the main Town Hall entrance.

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILY SUPPORT SCRUTINY AND POLICY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA
27 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
To include a welcome to the newly appointed Parent Governor Representative
- 2. Apologies for Absence and Substitute Members**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Public Questions and Petitions**
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public
- 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
To approve the minutes of the meetings of Committee held on 28 June 2012
- 7. Raising of the Participation Age**
Report of the Executive Director of Children, Young People and Families
- 8. Fostering and Adoption**
Update on the Adoption Service following new regulations and guidance
- 9. Policy Update**
Policy Update - July, August and September 2012
- 10. Dates of Future Meetings**
All to be held at 2.00 pm in the Town Hall- 25 October 2012, 22 November 2012, 24 January 2013 and 28 March 2013.

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

The existing Standards regime will be abolished from 1st July, 2012 by the Localism Act 2011. From this date, the way that your interests need to be registered and declared will change. Prejudicial and personal interests will no longer exist and they have been replaced by Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs).

The Act also requires that provision is made for interests which are not Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and requires the Council to introduce a new local Code of

Conduct for Members. It is intended that provision will be made in the new Code for dealing with “personal” interests.

The Regulations in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests have only recently been published by the Government and guidance is being developed for circulation to you prior to 1st July.

If at all possible, you should try to identify any potential interest you may have before the meeting so that you and the person you ask for advice can fully consider all the circumstances before reaching a conclusion on what action you should take.

Advice can be obtained from Lynne Bird, Director of Legal Services on 0114 2734018 or email lynne.bird@sheffield.gov.uk