

## Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, 6 June 2012</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall</b>

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### AGENDA

**1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / PARTY WHIP**

Members are asked to consider whether they have personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state what they are.

Members are reminded that they should also declare, pursuant to paragraph 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, whether they are subject to a party whip in connection with any item(s) to be considered and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of the whipping arrangement.

**2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 8)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March, 2012.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

The Committee is invited to appoint a Vice-Chair.

**4. ANNUAL UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION OF CONTACT, REFERRAL AND ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN WIRRAL COUNCIL'S CHILDREN'S SERVICES (Pages 9 - 28)**

5. **EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT QUARTER THREE MONITORING REPORT (Pages 29 - 54)**
6. **2011/12 YEAR END PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Pages 55 - 72)**
7. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2012-13 AND ANNUAL REPORT 2011-12 (Pages 73 - 76)**
8. **ADOPTION SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT (Pages 77 - 82)**
9. **FOSTERING SERVICE REPORT (Pages 83 - 90)**
10. **APPROVED SCHEME OF DELEGATION - CONTRACTS EXCEEDING £50,000 (Pages 91 - 94)**
11. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS - REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD (Pages 95 - 104)**

The Scrutiny Programme Board at its meeting on 28 February, 2012 (minute 33 refers) referred this report with the following resolution:

“(1) The contents of the report be noted; and

(2) That the report be referred to all five Overview and Scrutiny Committees for their consideration.”

## **12. CO-OPTED MEMBER REQUEST**

To consider a request from the Co-Chair of the Wirral Family Forum, Louise Reece Jones, for a co-opted position on the Children and Young People O&S Committee for a member of their Forum to represent parent / carers of children with disabilities or additional needs.

As with co-optees on the Health and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee, including one for carers, the co-option, if agreed, would be one with non-voting rights and would need to be a recommendation to Council.

Those Members who were on the Committee in the last year, will recall that a request was considered by the Committee at its meeting on 16 November, 2011 (minute 42 refers – see below):

### **“Minute 42. Co-opted Member Request**

Further to minute 25 (20/9/11), the Chair referred to the current position regarding the request from Ms Louise Reece Jones for a co-opted position on the Committee. As she was not currently a parent governor she could not apply to become a parent governor co-optee.

The Chair suggested that she be thanked for her interest and as the Council was currently looking at its own corporate

governance arrangements, now would not be the time to extend the numbers of co-opted members on the Committee.

**Resolved – That the suggestion of the Chair be agreed.”**

The Committee’s views are requested.

**13. WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee is requested to consider what issues should form the basis of its work programme for the ensuing municipal year.

**14. FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan for the period June to September 2012 has now been published on the Council’s intranet/website and Members are invited to review the Plan prior to the meeting in order for the Committee to consider, having regard to the Committee’s work programme, whether scrutiny should take place of any items contained within the Plan and, if so, how it could be done within relevant timescales and resources.

**15. 0-19 STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE (Pages 105 - 108)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March, 2012.

**16. EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The following items contain exempt information.

RECOMMENDATION: That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the relevant paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

**17. EXEMPT APPENDIX (Pages 109 - 112)**

Exempt Appendix to agenda item 5:

**Early Intervention Grant Quarter Three Monitoring Report**

This appendix is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 as it contains commercially sensitive information.

**18. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR**