



Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Special Meeting

Date:	Monday, 4 October 2010
Time:	5.30 pm
Venue:	Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall

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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 the item 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 the item to be considered and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of the whipping arrangement.

2. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TASK FORCE - MOTION (Pages 1 - 2)

Attached is the motion which was moved at the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14 September and at which it was agreed to refer it to a special meeting of this Committee for consideration.

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Motion for Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee.

In view of the fact that this Scrutiny and Overview Committee is charged within the Council's Constitution with the task of Scrutinising Children's Services, and that this role appears to have been bypassed through the appointment of a Task Force acting outside the normal range of Council meetings and procedures, this committee urgently requests the following:

- A standing item of the regular minutes of the Children and Young People's Task Force on this agenda for the duration of its existence.
- A report which sets out the process that was followed in the selection and appointment of the Task Force members.
- A copy of any register or declaration of interests by Task Force members.
- Details of whether any vetting procedures were required as they have apparently been given access to Looked after Children, and, if so, whether or not those procedures were followed.
- A presentation from Officers that mirrors the presentation that was originally given to the Task Force which has informed the questions on this area within the consultation questionnaire.
- A detailed explanation from officers on the exact meaning and implication of each question concerning Children's Services in the questionnaire. *(For example, when questions talk about voluntary services stepping in to provide alternative services, are we talking about commissioning services from voluntary agencies, or just hoping they will fill a gap with no additional resources provided if we withdraw from providing services ourselves?)*
- Any potential costings that may have been drawn up as part of the options being considered

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