

CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 13th June, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Marrey (Chair)

Councillors Arshad, Bills, Casey, Hale, Hill, Islam, Mrs. Simms, Sykes, Vickers and Mrs. Walker; Mr. Lynch, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Ridney, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Ward and the Rev. Wickens.

OFFICERS

Assistant Director, Housing Management (Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) (Lead Officer to the Committee) and Mr. J. Jablonski (Directorate of Corporate Resources).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Boleyn and Perks and Mrs. Coulter.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was reported that Councillors Sykes and Hale had been appointed as substitute Members for Councillors Boleyn and Perks respectively, for this meeting of the Committee only.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with Members' Code of Conduct.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21st March, 2013, be approved as a correct record and signed.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ANNUAL SCRUTINY PROGRAMME, 2013/14

A report of the Lead Officer and the Director of Corporate Resources on the Terms of Reference of the Committee and the items included in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2013/14 was submitted. Appendix 1 to the report set out the Terms of Reference of the Committee and Appendix 2 gave more detailed information on the topics set out in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2013/14 referred to in paragraph 7 of the report submitted.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Terms of Reference of the Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted, be noted.
- (2) That the issues contained in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2013/14, as referred to in paragraph 7 and Appendix 2 to the report submitted, be noted.
- (3) That it be noted that an informal development session would be held for Members and Officers at the conclusion of the formal business of this meeting, to discuss how they wish to progress the items for detailed consideration by the Committee during 2013/14.
- (4) That a "Public Forum" session be included as a standing Item of business on the agendas for future meetings of the Committee.

6. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the four month period commencing 1st June, 2013 and on the recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that this Scrutiny Committee considers whether it wishes to recommend that any items contained in the Appendix to report submitted, setting out a Schedule of Key Decisions, should be scrutinised.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report and the Appendix to the Report, be noted and that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be informed that, at this time, there were no items that this Scrutiny Committee wished to recommend be scrutinised.

The meeting ended at 6.08 p.m.