



Coventry City Council

# Agenda

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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## Time and Date

10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012

## Place

Committee Rooms 2 & 3, Council House, Coventry

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## Public Business

### 1 Apologies and Substitutions

### 2 Declarations of Interests

### 3 Minutes

(a) To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (attached)

(b) Matters Arising

### 4 Overview and Scrutiny Management

The following matter is reported to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, in accordance with paragraph 2.6.4 of the City Council's Constitution, it being responsible for the overall co-ordination of the Overview and Scrutiny function and related responsibilities:

#### **Consideration of Decision Called-in to Scrutiny - Call-in Stage 2**

Call-in Stage 1 - In accordance with the criteria decided by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and the procedure rules set out in paragraph 4.5.25.4 of the City Council's Constitution, the appropriateness of the Call-in indicated, was considered by the Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Councillor Mrs Lucas, on advice from the Assistant Director (Democratic Services), in conjunction with the Council Solicitor/Assistant Director (Legal Services), and deemed valid.

Call-in Stage 2 - The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee will consider the Call-in. In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules at least one of the three Elected Members that called the matter in must be in attendance at the meeting for consideration of the Call-in or the Call-in will fail.

Report: **abc Review of Day Care in Sure Start Children's Centres – Consultation Responses**

Considered by: **Cabinet - 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Kelly

Officer: Chris Wainwright, Neighbourhood Services Manager, Early Years and Childcare,  
Children, Learning and Young People Directorate

### Decision Called-in

Cabinet had agreed to:

- 1) Take into account all relevant materials, including the responses to the consultation received to date, the petitions and the Equality Impact Assessment.
- 2) Consider the recommendations made by Scrutiny Board 2 on October 13th 2011, those being:
  - a) that the results of the consultation so far be forwarded to the Cabinet, with the request that it takes them into account when making its decisions on this issue, along with any further findings arising during the remainder of the consultation period.
  - b) that the Scrutiny Board supports the view that starting the new child care arrangements in April would be more disruptive than necessary for those children due to begin primary school in September and therefore it asks the Cabinet to consider delaying the start until September 2012.
  - c) that the Cabinet be requested to consider allowing each of the City Council's Children's Centres to organise its own sessional day care provision, so that it best meets the needs of the parents/carers who wish to use it.
- 3) Consider the models of service delivery as set out in this report and approve the preferred option as set out in paragraph 2.7.
- 4) Agree that the Project Team progresses the implementation of the preferred option.
- 5) Approve the introduction of a new fee structure from April 2012 that is built on a more robust business model, moving from the current £3.75 per hour to £5.00 per hour.

Called in by Councillors Bailey, Mrs Dixon and Mrs Johnson.

### The reason for the Call-in is:-

To further investigate the advantages and disadvantages of why sessional care should be the preferred option over a remodelling of the existing full service.

### **Documents attached:**

**Call-in Briefing Note of the Neighbourhood Services Manager - Early Years and Childcare - Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 (yellow pages)**

**Report of the Director of Children, Learning & Young People and associated Minute - Cabinet 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 (blue pages)**

**Call-in Briefing Note of the Neighbourhood Services Manager - Early Years and Childcare and associated Minute - Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011 (pink pages)**

**Report of the Director of Children, Learning & Young People and associated Minute - Cabinet 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 (green pages)**

## 5 **Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2011/2012**

To consider the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee's Work Programme 2011/12 (attached)

## 6 **Outstanding Issues**

There are currently no outstanding issues.

## 7 **Meeting Evaluation**

To discuss and evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting.

8 Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

## **Private Business**

Nil

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**Bev Messinger, Director of Customer and Workforce Services, Council House,  
Coventry**

10<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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**Membership:** Councillors Blundell, Foster, Lakha, Lancaster, Mrs Lucas (Chair), McNicholas (Deputy Chair), M. Mutton, Ruane, Sawdon, Taylor and Welsh

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