



Coventry City Council

# Agenda

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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## Time and Date

10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 4th April 2012

## Place

Committee Rooms 2 & 3, Council House, Coventry

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## Public Business

- 1 **Apologies and Substitutions**
- 2 **Declarations of Interests**
- 3 **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 Councillor Mal Mutton, Chair of Scrutiny Board 2, in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, on advice from the Assistant Director (Democratic Services), in conjunction with the Council Solicitor/Assistant Director (Legal Services). Councillor Mutton deemed that Call in item 1 was valid. Call in reasons 2 and 3 were deemed invalid as the information requested was contained in the Cabinet report. Call in reason 4 was deemed invalid as it was unclear how judicial review related to the decision in question, and the legal basis for the decision was covered in the report.

Call-in Stage 2 - The Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee will consider Call-in item 1. 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: **Determination of the Statutory Notice for the Proposal to Change Corley Centre from Day/Residential Community Special School to Day Community Special School**

Considered by: **Cabinet - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Kelly

Officer: Roger Lickfold, Children, Learning and Young People Directorate

### Decision Called-in

1. Cabinet is asked to consider the proposal, the representations received and the recommendation from Cabinet Advisory Panel (School Organisation) and determine the Statutory Notice for the Proposal to Change Corley Centre from Day/Residential Community Special School to Day Community Special School.
2. The Cabinet note the comments made by the Cabinet Advisory Panel (School Organisation).
3. That the Cabinet satisfy themselves that every parent/carer of a student at Corley Centre is made aware of, and given the opportunity to request, an assessment to determine the appropriateness of short break provision (in keeping with the rights of all Coventry parents/carers of a disabled child).

Called in by Councillors Foster, Blundell and Sawdon

### The reasons for the Call-in are:-

1. To further explore how the Decision Makers Guidance has been complied with, in arriving at this decision.
2. How objections on this basis were considered as part of the decision.
3. To understand how this decision would impact on inclusion of residential provision in future Statements of Special Educational Need.
4. To seek further clarification for the legal basis of this decision given references to potential judicial review.

### **Report of the Director of Children, Learning and Young People (attached)**

The appropriateness of the Call-in has, in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, been considered by Councillor Mal Mutton, Chair of Scrutiny Board 2. Councillor Mutton has deemed that Call-in reason 1 was valid. Call-in reasons 2, 3 and 4 were deemed invalid for the reasons detailed above.

(Due to the limited timescale available for the preparation of documentation for this matter, the item having been added to the agenda at short notice, further information in connection with this matter will be issued to Members of the Committee and placed on CMIS as soon as it is available.)

#### **4 Sub-regional Resilience 1 year on...Progress report on the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Resilience Team**

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (attached)

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

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator (**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**

27<sup>th</sup> March 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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