

Issues to be considered this week

Thursday 4 December 2008

Standards and Ethics Committee
moved to 8 December 2.30pm

Meetings etc

Week commencing 8 December 2008

Monday 8 December 2008

- Standards and Ethics Committee (2.30pm)

Tuesday 9 December 2008

- Planning and Regulatory Committee CANCELLED
- Safer Communities Board (10.00am)

Wednesday 10 December 2008

- Overview and Scrutiny Steering Committee (10.00am)

Thursday 11 December 2008

- Appointments Panel CANCELLED

Friday 12 December 2008

- Audit and Governance Committee (9.30am)

Latest Media Releases

Media releases sent out by the Communications Unit this week:

[Family carers in Worcestershire invited to special one-day event](#)

[County Council completes work at Tenbury school](#)

[County Council offers grants to rural businesses](#)

[Joint working not enough for City Council finances](#)

[County Council's social care regains three-star rating](#)

[County Council reacts to global slowdown](#)

[County Council launch new domestic abuse website](#)

[Universally Challenge comes to County Hall](#)

All releases sent out by the Communications Unit can be viewed by clicking on this [link](#)

Child Protection Plan/Looked After Children Figures at 23 November 2008

Children with a Child Protection Plan: 332 (includes 18 who are the primary responsibility of other local authorities)

Children Looked After: 532

Decisions taken

Week commencing 24 November 2008

On 26 November an **Appointments Panel - Appointment of Director of Children's Services**

- Agreed to offer the post to Gail Quinton

On 27 November the **Cabinet -**

Schools Adjudicator's Decision on Lickhill Primary School and Stourport Primary School (wf)

- (Deferred as Adjudicator's Decision not yet received)

Possible Closure of Malvern Hills Primary School (mh)

- Noted the responses to the statutory Public Notice and approved the school's closure with effect from 31 December 2008; the Head of Property Services to explore with community groups agreements to utilise the building from 1 January to 30 June 2009, pending investigation of the long-term future use of the site

Pupil Admissions Policy for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools – Academic Year 2010/11

- Approved the recommendations as set out in the report

Corporate Assessment 2008:Final Report

- Noted the content of the Corporate Assessment Final Report by the Audit Commission; agreed to recommend Council to approve the recommendations relating to - Utilisation of Councillors' skills and abilities, Performance Management and Community Cohesion

Learning for Sustainability Strategy

- Noted the development of the Strategy and endorsed the specific Directorate actions

West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 2 Revision – Development of Options for the West Midlands RSS in Response to the National Housing and Planning Advice Unit Report

- Approved the recommendations as set out in the report

Safeguarding Adults in Worcestershire

- Approved the recommendations as set out in the report

Scrutiny Reports:

(a) Anti-Bullying in Worcestershire Schools

Received the report of the Anti-Bullying Scrutiny Task Group and the response of the Cabinet Member and accepted the recommendations as the way forward;

(b) Joint Worcestershire County and District Scrutiny Report Worcestershire Summer Floods 2007

Welcomed the report; noted that this was a joint report concerning a number of agencies; accepted the response of the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Environment and accepted those recommendations relating to the functions of the County Council as the way forward

Supplementary Guidance on the Procurement of Developer Contributions for Transport Infrastructure and Services

- Approved the recommendations as set out in the report

Review of Highway Policy, Highways Maintenance Contract and Capital Maintenance Project

- Approved the recommendations as set out in the report

Money Matters

- Endorsed the Director of Financial Services' action in response to the impact of the credit crunch on treasury management and pension fund investment; his conclusions on the Council's financial standing; agreed that Council be asked to update the capital programme; to deploy the proceeds from the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme Grant (LABGI) on economic development and mental health priorities; endorsed the timetable and arrangements to decide the budget and council tax; noted the national procurement award made to the County Council

EXEMPT ITEM:

Virtual Workspace PFI Project

- Approved the recommendations as set out in the report

Chairman's Civic Engagements

this week

Week commencing 1 December 2008

This week's Civic engagements:

Tuesday 2 December 2008

6.00pm The Chairman and his wife will be guests of Lloyds TSB at a Christmas Pig Roast at the Cross branch, Worcester (**wc**)

Wednesday 3 December 2008

1.30pm The Chairman and his will attend the official opening of Meadows First School & Nursery and Parkside Middle School, Bromsgrove (**br**)

7.00pm The Chairman and his wife will represent the Council at the MENCAP Annual Carol Service at Worcester Cathedral (**wc**)

Thursday 4 December 2008

10.30am The Chairman will launch the new Evesham & Pershore Children's Centres at Cropthorne Village Hall (**wy**)

7.00pm The Chairman will attend the Society of County Treasurers' Annual Dinner in London as guest of Mike Weaver, the Society's President

Friday 5 December 2008

7.30pm The Chairman and his wife will attend Worcestershire Association of Carers Annual Christmas Concert at Huntingdon Hall, Worcester (**wc**)

Sunday 7 December 2008

12noon The Chairman and his wife will join the civic party for Wyre Forest District Council's Civic Service at St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett (**wf**)

next week

Week commencing 8 December 2008

This week's Civic engagements:

Tuesday 9 December 2008

4.00pm The Chairman will welcome the schools taking part in the 'Universally Challenge' Sustainability Quiz taking place in the Council Chamber at County Hall

5.30pm The Chairman and his wife will represent the Council at the High Sheriff's Legal Service in Thanksgiving for The Queen's Peace at Worcester Cathedral (**wc**)

Wednesday 10 December 2008

4.00pm The Chairman will attend the Farewell Reception for Richard Hubbard, the retiring Director of Children's Services

7.30pm The Chairman and his wife will attend Pershore High School's Carol Concert in Pershore Abbey (**wy**)

Thursday 11 December 2008

10.30am The Chairman will perform the county's sixty-first Citizenship Ceremony in the Council Chamber at County Hall

4.30pm The Chairman will present Certificates in Management to Council staff at a ceremony at Foley Arms Hotel, Malvern (**mh**)

5.0pm The Chairman and his wife will attend a Drinks & Canapés party at the University of Worcester (**wc**)

Other events

week commencing 1 December 2008

Monday 1 December 2008

- ♦ World Aids Day

Wednesday 3 December 2008

- ♦ Worcestershire Association of Carers/Age Concern Multicultural Carers' Pamper Day - Guildhall, Worcester (**wc**) (11.00am – 3.00pm)
- ♦ Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Members' Reference Group (2.00pm)
- ♦ Bromsgrove Highways Forum (**br**) (4.00pm)

Thursday 4 December 2008

- ♦ Launch of Evesham and Pershore Children's Centres – Cropthorne Village Hall (**wy**) (1.00pm – 3.00pm)
- ♦ Member Briefing: Update on County/City Joint Working (1.30pm – 3.30pm)
- ♦ Corporate Equalities Board (2.00pm)

Saturday 6 December 2008

- ♦ Worcestershire Youth Music Concert – St Martin's Church, London Road, Worcester (**wc**) (7.00pm)

Sunday 7 December 2008

- ♦ Worcestershire Youth Music Concert – Kidderminster Town Hall (**wf**) (7.00pm)

Other events

week commencing 8 December 2008

Monday 8 December 2008

- ♦ ~~Planning and Regulatory Committee site visit~~ CANCELLED
- ♦ 'Global Slowdown, Local Actions' Business seminar – Council Chamber (4.30pm)

Tuesday 9 December 2008

- ♦ Member Briefing: Children's Services Performance (2.00pm)
- ♦ 'Universally Challenge' Schools Sustainability quiz – Council Chamber (4.00pm)

Thursday 11 December 2008

- ♦ Citizenship Ceremonies – Council Chamber, County Hall (10.30am & 2.00pm)
- ♦ Citizens' Panel Festive Event (6.00pm)

Sunday 14 December 2008

- ♦ Bishops Wood Centre Christmas Trail & Activities (**wf**) (2.00pm – 4.00pm)

Further information on any of these events can be obtained from

Ann Statham, Member Communication Officer, who can be contacted on Ext 6600

Key to Area Codes: br - Bromsgrove, mh - Malvern Hills, re - Redditch, wc, Worcester City, wy - Wychavon, wf - Wyre Forest