

**2.9.12 Delegation to and from other local authorities**

- 2.9.13 Full Council or the cabinet may delegate their respective powers and functions to another local authority or the executive of another local authority.
- 2.9.14 The decision whether or not to accept such delegation from another local authority will be taken by full Council or the cabinet as appropriate.
- 2.9.15 The council has made no such delegations to date.

**2.9.16 Contracting out**

- 2.9.17 Full Council, for functions it is responsible for, and the leader or cabinet members, for executive functions, may contract out to another body or organisation functions which may be carried out by an officer subject to the relevant legislative requirements.

**2.9.18 Consultative committees****2.9.19 Standing advisory council on religious education (SACRE)**

- 2.9.20 In accordance with the Education Act 1996 (as amended) the council has established a Herefordshire SACRE to provide advice on matters concerned with the provision of religious education and collective worship.
- 2.9.21 The council appoints the membership in accordance with the legislation, in four groups, as follows:
- Group (A) One Roman Catholic representative (nominated by the Roman Catholic hierarchy);  
One Free Church representative (nominated by Churches together in Herefordshire);  
One representative of other faiths as a whole;  
One representative of the Bahá'í faith;  
One representative of the Muslim faith;  
One representative of the Sikh faith;  
One representative of the Jewish faith;  
One representative of the Buddhist religion;  
One representative of the Hindu faith;  
One representative of the Quaker faith;  
One representative of Humanism.

Other than for the Roman Catholic and Free Church representatives the representatives should, as far as possible, be nominated by the appropriate local faith group.

Group (B) Three Church of England representatives (nominated in consultation with the Diocesan Education Authority).

Group (C) Three teachers' representatives, with one drawn from each of the primary, secondary and special education sectors (nominated through recommendation of recognised teacher associations) and one co-opted member.

Group (D) Three Herefordshire Council members as local education authority representatives

## **2.9.22 Other bodies**

### **2.9.22.1 Agreed Syllabus Conference**

2.9.22.2 The Council is required to convene an Agreed Syllabus Conference (ASC) to review the Agreed Syllabus every five years or upon request by SACRE more frequently.

2.9.22.3 This conference will have the same composition as SACRE. There is no provision for co-opted members.

### **2.9.23 Safeguarding arrangements**

2.9.24 In accordance with legislative requirements the council has established an adults safeguarding board. This is chaired by an independent person accountable to the chief executive of the council for the effective operation of the board; and works closely with the director for adults and communities. Herefordshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) main statutory objective is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect those at Risk.

2.9.25 The multi-agency arrangements for protecting and safeguarding children is delivered by the Herefordshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership, which brings together the following agencies:

- The Local Authority - Herefordshire Council: Represented by Chief Executive and the Director of Children's Services.
- The chief officer of police for a police area: Represented by the Superintendent Policing Commander (Herefordshire) - West Mercia Police.
- The Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group: Represented by the Head of Safeguarding & Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Adults and Children.

2.9.26 [No longer used].

2.9.27 On the 1 July 2019 Herefordshire Adoption Service joined a regional adoption agency Adoption Central England (ACE) following central government's requirement that all local authority adoption services are redesigned into regional adoption agencies by 2020. Adoption panels are required by law and membership is set out in detailed regulations. Elected members do not sit on this panel.

2.9.28 Herefordshire Fostering Panel has a crucial role in the provision and monitoring of foster care for children and young people. There is no fixed panel membership or maximum number of members. An Independent Chair is appointed and the membership must be drawn from a Central list of persons with the appropriate qualifications and/or experience, in accordance with the Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011. Elected members do not sit on this panel.

2.9.29 Corporate Parenting Board - The Children and Social Work Act 2017 sets out the corporate parenting principles for the council as a whole to be the best parent it can be for children in its care.

2.9.29a The Corporate Parenting Board is an advisory body. It has two main functions:

- To support and make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Children Young People and Schools on matters related to corporate parenting.