

A G E N D A

Herefordshire Schools Forum

Date: **Thursday, 9th June, 2005**

Time: **1.30 p.m.**

Place: **Hereford Education and
Conference Centre, Blackfriars
Street, Hereford**

Notes: Please note lunch will be available from
12.30 pm.

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AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Herefordshire Schools Forum

To: Representatives of the Herefordshire Schools Forum.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence.	
2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY) To receive any details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
4. MINUTES To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February and the reconvened meeting of 7 March 2005.	1 - 6
5. LATE ITEM / ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
6. REVIEW OF HEREFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM - MEMBERSHIP AND CONSTITUTION To review the constitution of membership to reflect the greater responsibility that the Herefordshire Schools Forum has gained since it was introduced in 2002.	7 - 12
7. CONSULTATION ON NEW SCHOOL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS To inform Herefordshire Schools Forum of the Council's submission in response to the DfES consultation paper.	13 - 38
8. THE EFFECTIVE PROVISION OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROJECT To inform the Forum of the conclusions of this national research project and consider the implications for early years provision in Herefordshire.	39 - 46
9. CHILDREN'S SERVICES FINANCIAL PLANNING A) Section 52 2005/06 Budget B) Medium Term Financial Plan 2003/06 C) Greater Delegation to Schools – an oral report to seek the views of the Forum members.	47 - 66
10. MANAGING SCHOOL BALANCES To review the Audit Commission data on school balances and in light of the	67 - 80

school balances at March 2005, consider the options available as part of the introduction of three year budgets for schools.

11. GERSHON EFFICIENCIES IN SCHOOLS

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To inform the Herefordshire Schools Forum of the efficiency savings that DfES is intending schools to deliver as part of the wider implementation of the national Gershon efficiency savings.

12. NEWSLETTER - CHANGE FOR CHILDREN IN HEREFORDSHIRE

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To discuss the timetable for the Joint Area Review of Children's Services.