

A G E N D A

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Tuesday, 22nd January, 2008**

Time: **2.30 p.m.**

Place: : **The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35
Hafod Road, Hereford**

Notes: Please note the **time, date** and **venue** of the meeting.

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HEREFORDSHIRE
COUNCIL

AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

To:	Councillor	SJ Robertson (Chairman)
	Councillor	WU Attfield (Vice-Chairman)
	Councillors	ME Cooper, P Jones CBE, G Lucas, JE Pemberton, RV Stockton, JK Swinburne, AM Toon, WJ Walling and JD Woodward
	Church Members	J.D. Griffin and Revd. I. Terry (Church of England)
	Parent Governor Members	Mr R Stevenson and Mr A Wood (Special Governors)
	Representatives	Ms K Berry (Connexions), Mr C Lewandowski (Teacher Representative) and Mrs H Tyler (Foster Care representative), Ms T Kneale (Primary Schools) and Mrs D Strutt (Secondary Schools), Ms D Scott (The Alliance)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES

To receive details 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.

GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

The Council's Members' Code of Conduct requires Councillors to declare against an Agenda item(s) the nature of an interest and whether the interest is personal or prejudicial. Councillors have to decide first whether or not they have a personal interest in the matter under discussion. They will then have to decide whether that personal interest is also prejudicial.

A personal interest is an interest that affects the Councillor more than most other people in the area. People in the area include those who live, work or have property in the area of the Council. Councillors will also have a personal interest if their partner, relative or a close friend, or an

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organisation that they or the member works for, is affected more than other people in the area. If they do have a personal interest, they must declare it but can stay and take part and vote in the meeting.

Whether an interest is prejudicial is a matter of judgement for each Councillor. What Councillors have to do is ask themselves whether a member of the public – if he or she knew all the facts – would think that the Councillor's interest was so important that their decision would be affected by it. If a Councillor has a prejudicial interest then they must declare what that interest is and leave the meeting room.

4. MINUTES

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To approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 25th September and 5th October 2007.

5. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY

To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.

6. LEADING ASPECT AWARD

To note that the Council has been awarded a Leading Aspect Award in recognition of the county-wide impact that this work has had on its schools across the phases. It is a recognition of the authority lead as well as the dedication and hard work of the schools involved. The award is a nationally recognised one, and the first of its kind for Herefordshire. It reflects the attention the work has attracted from OfSTED, QCA, DFES, schools and their communities, that have also recognised this county as leading the field in this work

7. PRESENTATION BY CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

To receive a presentation by the Cabinet Member – Children's Services, informing the Committee of policy issues affecting this programme area and main priorities.

8. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (APA) - UPDATE

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To inform Members of the outcome of the Annual Performance Assessment (APA) process In Children's Services and the new priorities.

9. REVIEW OF PROVISION OF SCHOOL PLACES: PROGRESS REPORT

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To consider the progress made in the Review of School Provision, and the next stages in the process, and to comment on the proposals announced on Thursday 10th. January 2008.

10. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE: TARGETED YOUTH SUPPORT AND POSITIVE ACTIVITIES	105 - 134
To update Members on the performance of the Youth Service within the context of Every Child Matters (ECM) framework and inform of national changes in youth work particularly the increased emphasis on Targeted Youth Support (TYS) for vulnerable young people and new legislation on the provision of Positive Activities .	
11. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL MEALS PROVISION	135 - 166
To inform the Committee of the arrangements for School meals provision and to notify Members of the take-up of School meals.	
12. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2007/08	167 - 170
To report on the revenue budget's financial position for Children & Young People's Directorate as at the end of December 2007 and to provide projections to the end of the financial year.	
13. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2007/08	171 - 176
To report on the capital budget's financial position for Children & Young People's Directorate.	
14. PERFORMANCE DIGEST - QUARTER 2 - 2007/2008	177 - 178
To present the Quarter 2 Performance Digest for Children's Service (July – September 2007) and to highlight key areas arising from the performance for the second quarter.	
15. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	179 - 182
To consider the work programme.	