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Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday, 7th July, 2008**

Time: **10.00 a.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
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AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

To:	Councillor	SJ Robertson (Chairman)
	Councillor	WU Attfield (Vice-Chairman)
	Councillors	ME Cooper, BA Durkin, P Jones CBE, G Lucas, JE Pemberton, RV Stockton, AM Toon, WJ Walling and JD Woodward
	Church Members	J.D. Griffin (Roman Catholic Church) and Revd. I. Terry (Church of England)
	Parent Governor Members	Mr N Parker (Secondary School Parent Governor), Mr R Stevenson (Primary School Governors) and Mr A Wood (Special School Governors)
	Teacher Representatives	Mr C Lewandowski (Teachers)
	Headteacher Representatives	Mr R. Aird (Special School Headteachers Rep), Mr S Pugh (Primary Headteacher Representative) and Mrs D Strutt (Secondary School Headteachers)
	Representatives	Ms K Berry (Connexions) and Ms D Scott (The Alliance Community Representative)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES

To receive 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

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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 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 meeting held on 21 April 2008.

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. PRESENTATION BY CABINET MEMBER

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To provide an overview of Children and Young People Directorate's performance, self assessment and activities for 2008/09. The presentation will also set out the responsibilities of Cabinet Member (Children's Services) and Cabinet Member (ICT, Education & Achievement).

7. REVIEW OF DIRECTORATE AND SERVICE PLAN / PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

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To consider the Performance Digest covering the financial year 2007/08 and the Children and Young People's Directorate Plan 2008-2011.

Reports for Agenda Item 7

Both the attached reports have been issued to Committee Members as separate documents to the agenda.

8. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE: TARGETED YOUTH SUPPORT AND POSITIVE ACTIVITIES

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To update Members on the progress of the Youth Service in adapting to the 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**.

9. CAPITAL BUDGET OUTTURN REPORT 2007/8	69 - 74
To advise the Committee of the final outturn position for the 2007/08 Children's Service Capital programme and to highlight the proposed programme for 2008/09.	
10. REVENUE FINAL OUTTURN REPORT 2007/8	75 - 78
To report on the final outturn for the revenue budget for 2007/08 for the Children & Young People's Directorate.	
11. RACIST BULLYING "MEWE" VIDEO	
To inform the Committee of the "MeWe" video tackling the challenges of racist bullying.	
12. REVIEW OF BEHAVIOUR AND DISCIPLINE MANAGEMENT IN HEREFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS	79 - 86
To update the Committee with regard to progress made in the action plan following the review.	
13. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	87 - 90
To consider the Committee work programme.	