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Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 30 March 2009**

Time: **10.00 am**

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

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

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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	Mr T Leach (Church of England)
	Parent Governor Members	Mr N Parker (Secondary School Parent Governor) and Mr A Wood (Special School Governors)
	Teacher Representatives	Mr M Harrison (Teacher Representative)
	Headteacher Representatives	Mrs OR Evans (Special Schools), Mr C Mutton (Primary School Headteachers) and Mrs D Strutt (Secondary School Headteachers)
	Community Representatives	Ms K Berry (Connexions) and Ms H Tank (The Alliance)

	Pages
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 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	1 - 6
To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 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. OFSTED APA OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES 2008	7 - 16
To update the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and formally report the outcome of the recent 2008 APA inspection of Children's Services.	
7. SAFEGUARDING ACTION PLAN	17 - 30
To note the actions taken by the Director of Children's Services and the Herefordshire Children's Safeguarding Board (HSCB) in regard to improving the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements in the County.	
8. COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE DIGEST - OCTOBER- DECEMBER 2008/2009	31 - 34
To summarise the proposals for assessing children's services under the Comprehensive Area Assessment and to present the Performance Digest for Children's Services for the third quarter, October to December 2008.	
9. CAPITAL BUDGET REPORT 2008/9	35 - 42
To report the capital budget position for 2008/09 for the Children & Young People's Directorate and to provide detailed information on variances between planned expenditure and the forecast outturn at 31 st March 2009.	
10. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2008/9	
To report on the monitoring of the revenue budget for 2008/09 for the Children and Young People's Directorate.	
	REPORT TO FOLLOW
Revenue Monitoring Report	43 - 48
The attached report and appendix were issued to the Committee with the agenda.	

11. ESTABLISHING LINK ROLES FOR SCRUTINY MEMBERS TO SUPPORT EVERY CHILD MATTERS	49 - 52
To consider the establishment of Scrutiny Member roles to enable a fuller understanding of the issues affecting Children and Young People in Herefordshire, thus enabling them to support the Scrutiny Committee in fulfilling its role effectively in the support of Every Child Matters (ECM).	
12. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	53 - 56
To consider the Committee work programme.	