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Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Tuesday, 18th November, 2008**

Time: ***** 2.00 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, 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)
	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	Ms K Berry (Connexions)
	Headteacher Representatives	Mr S Pugh (Primary Headteacher Representative) and Mrs D Strutt (Secondary School Headteachers)
	Community Representatives	Ms H Tank (The Alliance)

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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.

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| 4. MINUTES | 1 - 6 |
| To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 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. EXTENDED SCHOOLS IN HEREFORDSHIRE | 7 - 10 |
| To consider the progress towards the implementation of extended services in and around schools within Herefordshire. | |
| 7. EARLY YEARS IN HEREFORDSHIRE | 11 - 16 |
| To consider the progress and provide an overview of Early Years with a focus on children's centres, number of childcare settings and funding linked to both of these. Also to outline current objectives. | |
| 8. PERFORMANCE DIGEST - APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2008/2009 | 17 - 20 |
| To present the Performance Digest for Children's Service for the half year April to September 2008, and to highlight any issues arising.
(Note: copies of the Digest will be issued to Members as a separate document) | |
| 9. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS CHAMPION OR VICE-CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE | 21 - 24 |
| To consider appointing Councillors on the Committee as Champion or Vice-Champion for Children's Services Scrutiny Committee based on the five areas of Every Child Matters. | |
| 10. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME | 25 - 28 |
| To consider the Committee work programme. | |