

AGENDA

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 6 July 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

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Councillor BA Durkin
Councillor P Jones CBE
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Councillor SJ Robertson
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Councillor AM Toon
Councillor WJ Walling

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Mr C Mutton
Mrs D Strutt
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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. A Councillor who has declared a prejudicial interest at a meeting may nevertheless be able to address that meeting, but only in circumstances where an ordinary member of the public would be also allowed to speak. In such circumstances, the Councillor concerned will have the same opportunity to address the meeting and on the same terms. However, a Councillor exercising their ability to speak in these circumstances must leave the meeting immediately after they have spoken.

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<p>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To receive details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT MEETINGS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">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.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">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.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">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.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2009.</p>	1 - 8
<p>5. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.</p>	
<p>6. PRESENTATION BY CABINET MEMBERS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">The Cabinet Member (Children's Services) and the Cabinet Member (ICT, Education and Achievement) will comment on achievements or areas for improvement in the past year in their programme areas as they relates to this Committee, what will need to be addressed in the coming year and issues that they may wish to involve Scrutiny in the future.</p>	9 - 56

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