

# AGENDA

## Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 28 September 2009**

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Time: **10.00 am**

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

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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

## Membership

**Chairman** Councillor WLS Bowen  
**Vice-Chairman** Councillor ME Cooper

Councillor WU Attfield  
Councillor BA Durkin  
Councillor P Jones CBE  
Councillor G Lucas  
Councillor JE Pemberton  
Councillor SJ Robertson  
Councillor RV Stockton  
Councillor AM Toon  
Councillor WJ Walling

Mr PF Burbidge  
Mr T Leach  
Mr N Parker  
Mr T Plumer  
Mr A Wood

Roman Catholic Church  
Church of England  
Secondary School Parent Governor  
Primary School Parent Governors  
Special School Governors

## Non Voting

Ms K Berry  
Mrs OR Evans  
Mr M Harrisson  
Mr C Mutton  
Mrs D Strutt  
Ms H Tank

Connexions  
Special School Headteachers  
Teacher Representative  
Primary School Headteachers  
Secondary School Headteachers  
The Alliance

## 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. 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.

## AGENDA

	Pages
<p><b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
<p><b>2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES</b> To receive details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.</p>	
<p><b>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.</p>	
<p><b>4. MINUTES</b> To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2009.</p>	1 - 10
<p><b>5. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY</b> To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.</p>	
<p><b>6. SCHOOL TASK GROUP PAPER</b> To consider the consultation paper produced by the School Task Group on the future of schools.</p>	
<p><b>Item 6 School Task Group Paper - Reports</b> The attached reports mentioned in the main item were issued to Committee Members as a supplement to the agenda.</p>	
<p><b>7. 14-19: MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT,; CHANGES TO CONNEXIONS, LSC TRANSFER</b> To update Scrutiny Committee on the current position relating to: Machinery of Government Changes/Learning &amp; Skills Council (LSC) transfer and Connexions transfer.</p>	11 - 22
<p><b>Item 7 - Machinery of Government - Reports</b> The attached report and appendix have been issued to Committee Members as a supplement to the agenda.</p>	
<p><b>8. CAPITAL BUDGET REPORT 2009/2010</b> To scrutinise the capital budget position for 2009/10 for the Children &amp; Young People's Directorate.</p>	23 - 30
<p><b>9. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2009/2010</b> To report on the monitoring of the Children's Services revenue budget for 2009/10 and provide comparisons to 2008/09 budget and outturn.</p>	31 - 42
<p><b>10. PERFORMANCE DIGEST - QUARTER 1 2009/2010</b> To present the Performance Digest for Children's Services for the first quarter of 2009/2010 (April – June 2009) and to highlight key performance issues.</p>	43 - 46

**Item 10 - Performance Digest - the Digest**

The attached Digest report was issued to Committee Members as a supplement.

**11. SEN/BANDED FUNDING REVIEW WORKING GROUP REPORT** 47 - 50

To consider the findings of the SEN/Banded Funding Working Group and refer the findings to the Herefordshire Schools Forum for consideration.

**12. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME** 51 - 54

To consider the Committee work programme.