

# AGENDA

## Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Friday 11 December 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

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

## Non Voting

Ms K Berry  
Mrs S Catlow-Hawkins  
Mrs OR Evans  
Mr M Harrisson  
Mr C Mutton  
Ms H Tank

Connexions  
Secondary School Headteachers  
Special School Headteachers  
Teacher Representative  
Primary 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

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1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
2.	<p><b>NAMED SUBSTITUTES</b></p> <p>To receive details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.</p>	
3.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.</p>	
4.	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2009.</p>	1 - 6
5.	<p><b>SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY</b></p> <p>To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.</p>	
6.	<p><b>SAFGUARDING AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN SEMINAR TO MEMBERS 9 NOVEMBER 2009</b></p> <p>To note a summary of the Member's seminar on 9 November 2009 concerning Safeguarding and Vulnerable Children and consider issues arising.</p>	7 - 12
7.	<p><b>INTRODUCTION AND IMPLICATIONS OF NURSERY EDUCATION FUNDING (NEF) AND SINGLE FUNDING FORMULA</b></p> <p>To note the background information on the scheme for Free Early Education for 3 and 4 year olds – also known as Nursery Education Fund (NEF) together with an update on recent, local and national developments.</p>	13 - 36
8.	<p><b>HEREFORDSHIRE SCHOOL TASK GROUP CONSULTATION - UPDATE</b></p> <p>To receive an update on the Herefordshire Schools Task Group Consultation following consideration by Cabinet on 26 November, 2009.</p>	37 - 44
9.	<p><b>CAPITAL BUDGET REPORT 2009/10</b></p> <p>To scrutinise the capital budget position for 2009/10 for the Children &amp; Young People's Directorate.</p>	45 - 52
10.	<p><b>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2009/10</b></p> <p>To report on the monitoring of the Children's Services revenue budget for 2009/10 at the end of quarter two. To provide comparisons to 2008/09 budget and outturn so that Scrutiny Committee can assess and comment upon the budget management of Children's Services.</p>	53 - 64
11.	<p><b>PERFORMANCE DIGEST - QUARTER 2 2009/2010</b></p> <p>To present the Performance Digest for Children's Services for the second quarter of 2009/2010 (April – September 2009) and to highlight key performance issues.</p>	65 - 68

**12. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

To consider the Committee's work programme.