

AGENDA

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Friday 19 March 2010**

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

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	Roman Catholic Church
	Mr T Leach	Church of England
	Mr N Parker	Secondary School Parent Governor
	Mr T Plumer	Primary School Parent Governors
Non Voting	Ms K Berry	Connexions
	Mrs S Catlow-Hawkins	Secondary School Headteachers
	Mrs OR Evans	Special School Headteachers
	Mr M Harrisson	Teacher Representative
	Mr C Mutton	Primary School Headteachers
	Ms H Tank	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.

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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.	
4.	MINUTES To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2009.	1 - 10
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.	YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION To update Members on the remit of the Youth Service and the range of provision across the County.	11 - 40
7.	SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN HEREFORDSHIRE - TOP TEN QUESTIONS FROM IDEA/CFPS To inform Councillors of safeguarding arrangements for children within Herefordshire using the I&DeA/CfPS top ten questions to ask.	41 - 50
8.	CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2009/10 To report the capital budget position for 2009/10 for the Children & Young People's Directorate.	51 - 58
9.	REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2009/10 To report on the monitoring of the Children's Services revenue budget for 2009/10 at the end of quarter three. 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.	59 - 70
10.	PERFORMANCE DIGEST - QUARTER 3 2009/2010 To present the Performance Digest for Children's Services for the third quarter of 2009/2010 (April – December 2009) and to highlight key performance issues.	71 - 76
11.	COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME To consider the Committee's work programme.	77 - 86