

AGENDA

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 14 June 2010**

Time: **9.30 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

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| Chairman | Councillor WLS Bowen | |
| Vice-Chairman | Councillor ME Cooper | |
| | Councillor AW Johnson | |
| | Councillor Brig P Jones CBE | |
| | Councillor G Lucas | |
| | Councillor JE Pemberton | |
| | Councillor SJ Robertson | |
| | Councillor RV Stockton | |
| | Councillor AM Toon | |
| | Councillor WJ Walling | |
| | Councillor JD Woodward | |
| | 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 | 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 19 March 2010. | 1 - 8 |
| 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. | IDEA SAFEGUARDING PEER REVIEW UPDATE To inform the Committee of the outcome of the IdEA peer review in to Safeguarding Children. | |
| 7. | ANNUAL REPORT BY CABINET MEMBERS To receive a presentation by the Cabinet Member Children's Services and the Cabinet Member ICT, Education and Achievement reviewing past performance, identifying key issues and commenting on future plans. | 9 - 14 |
| 8. | SCHOOL SWIMMING - UPDATE HALO Leisure to provide an overview of how school swimming provision has developed in the County in the last year. | |
| 9. | REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2009/10 To report on outturn of the Children's Services revenue budget for 2009/10. 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. | 15 - 30 |
| 10. | CAPITAL BUDGET REPORT 2010/2011 To scrutinise the capital budget position for 2010/11 for the Children & Young People's Directorate. | 31 - 38 |
| 11. | PERFORMANCE DIGEST - YEAR END 2009/2010 To present the Performance Digest for Children's Services for 2009/2010 and to highlight key performance issues. | 39 - 44 |
| 12. | COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME To consider the Committee work programme. | 45 - 52 |