

# AGENDA

## Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Friday 1 October 2010**

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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

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Councillor WLS Bowen</b>	
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>Councillor ME Cooper</b>	
	<b>Councillor AW Johnson</b>	
	<b>Councillor Brig P Jones CBE</b>	
	<b>Councillor G Lucas</b>	
	<b>Councillor JE Pemberton</b>	
	<b>Councillor SJ Robertson</b>	
	<b>Councillor RV Stockton</b>	
	<b>Councillor AM Toon</b>	
	<b>Councillor WJ Walling</b>	
	<b>Councillor JD Woodward</b>	
	<b>Mr PF Burbidge</b>	Roman Catholic Church
	<b>Mr T Plumer</b>	Primary School Parent Governors
<b>Non Voting</b>	<b>Mrs S Catlow-Hawkins</b>	Secondary School Headteachers
	<b>Mrs OR Evans</b>	Special School Headteachers
	<b>Mr M Harrisson</b>	Teacher Representative
	<b>Mr C Mutton</b>	Primary School Headteachers

## **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.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>NAMED SUBSTITUTES</b> To receive details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.	
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
4.	<b>MINUTES</b> To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2010.	1 - 10
5.	<b>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.	
6.	<b>ISSUES RAISED FROM ECONOMIC WELLBEING SEMINAR ON 5 JULY 2010</b> To note the content of the all Member seminar on 5 July 2010 held to consider the activity to support and enable children and young people's economic well being in Herefordshire.	11 - 14
7.	<b>PROGRESS MADE SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HEREFORDSHIRE TRAVELLER ACHIEVEMENT SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER 2009</b> To note continued good progress towards the establishment of effective, integrated Children and Young People's Service provision for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) children and families.	15 - 20
8.	<b>GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES</b> To provide Members with an overview of government initiatives that affect children's services.	21 - 34
9.	<b>THE FINDINGS OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW INTO PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT IN SWIMMING AT KEY STAGE 2</b> To consider the findings of the Scrutiny Review into Pupil Achievement in Swimming at Key Stage 2.	35 - 48
10.	<b>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2010/1011</b> To scrutinise the Capital Budget position for 2010/11 for the Children & Young People's Directorate.	49 - 52
11.	<b>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2010/11</b> To report on the monitoring of the Children's Services revenue budget for 2010/11 at the end of quarter one. To provide comparisons to 2009/10 budget outturn so that Scrutiny Committee can assess and comment upon the budget management of Children's Services.	53 - 68

**12. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

To consider the Committee work programme.