

AGENDA

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Friday 10 December 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 AW Johnson	
	Councillor Brig P Jones CBE	
	Councillor JJD Lavender	
	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 P Sell	Church of England
	Mrs E Lowenstein	Secondary School Governors
	Mr T Plumer	Primary School Parent Governors
Non Voting	Mrs S Catlow-Hawkins	Secondary School Headteachers
	Mrs OR Evans	Special School Headteachers
	Mr P Hayden	The Alliance
	Mr M Harrisson	Teacher Representative
	Mr C Mutton	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.

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1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
2.	<p>NAMED SUBSTITUTES</p> <p>To receive details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.</p>	
3.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.</p>	
4.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>To approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 1 October and 22 October 2010.</p>	1 - 12
5.	<p>SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY</p> <p>To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.</p>	
6.	<p>CALL-IN OF CABINET'S DECISION THAT DILWYN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL BE DISCONTINUED ON 31 AUGUST 2011</p> <p>To review Cabinet's decision that Dilwyn Church of England Primary School be discontinued on 31 August 2011, which has been called in by three Members of the Committee.</p>	13 - 90
7.	<p>PERFORMANCE DIGEST - QUARTER 2 2010-1011</p> <p>To present the Performance Digest for Children's Services for Quarter 2 of 2010-2011 and to highlight key performance issues.</p>	91 - 96
8.	<p>CONSULTATION ON PRIORITIES FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2011-2014</p> <p>To provide the Committee with the opportunity to consider and influence the partnership priorities for the next children and young people's plan, covering the period 2011-2014.</p>	97 - 112
9.	<p>OFSTED INSPECTIONS OF SAFEGUARDING AND LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN IN HEREFORDSHIRE - JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 2010: OUTCOMES AND ACTION PLAN</p> <p>To inform Committee of outcomes of the first unannounced and announced Ofsted inspections.</p>	113 - 142
10.	<p>ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SECONDARY PHASE</p> <p>To provide the Committee with an overview of attainment and progress in the secondary phase of maintained schools in Herefordshire 2010.</p>	143 - 178

11. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2010/11	179 - 192
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 and outturn so that Scrutiny Committee can assess and comment upon the budget management of Children's Services.	
12. MOBILE WORKING FOR SOCIAL WORKERS WITHIN SAFEGUARDING AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN SERVICE	193 - 198
To inform the Committee of the current position in respect of mobile working for children, social workers and support workers within Herefordshire.	
13. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	199 - 206
To consider the Committee work programme.	