

### **AGENDA**

# **Children's Services Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Friday 22 October 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

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 BurbidgeRoman Catholic ChurchMr P SellChurch of England

Mr T Plumer Primary School Parent Governors

Mr P Hayden The Alliance

Non Voting Mrs S Catlow-Hawkins

Mrs OR Evans Mr M Harrisson Mr C Mutton Secondary School Headteachers Special School Headteachers Teacher Representative 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.	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.	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.	
5.	SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL PROVISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY	1 - 4
	To receive an update on progress.	
6.	PERFORMANCE DIGEST - QUARTER 1 2010-2011	5 - 12
	To present the Performance Digest for Children's Services for Quarter 1 of 2010-2011 and to highlight key performance issues.	
7.	STANDARDS IN THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE	13 - 18
	To provide the Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the standards in the Early Years Foundation Stage in Herefordshire in 2010	
8.	STANDARDS IN THE PRIMARY PHASE.	19 - 30
	To provide the Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the standards in the Primary phase in Herefordshire in 2010.	
9.	DIRECTORATE REORGANISATION - UPDATE	
	To receive on update on the reorganisation of the Children and Young People's Directorate.	
10.	COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	31 - 34
	To consider the Committee's work programme.	
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