

AGENDA

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date:	Friday 30 September 2011
Time:	10.00 am
Place:	The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford
Notes:	Please note the time, date and venue of the meeting. For any further information please contact: Tim Brown, Committee Manager (Scrutiny) Tel: 01432 260239 Email: tbrown@herefordshire.gov.uk

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Mr P Burbidge – Roman Catholic Church Miss E Lowenstein – Secondary School Governor Mr T Plumer – Primary School Parent Governor Mr P Sell – Church of England

GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

What is a personal interest?

You have a personal interest in a matter if that matter affects the well-being or financial position of you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association more than it would affect the majority of other people in the ward(s) to which the matter relates.

A personal interest can affect you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association positively or negatively. If you or they would stand to lose by the decision, you should also declare it.

You also have a personal interest in a matter if it relates to any interests, which you must register.

What do I need to do if I have a personal interest?

You must declare it when you get to the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you. You may still speak and vote unless it is a prejudicial interest.

If a matter affects a body to which you have been appointed by the authority, or a body exercising functions of a public nature, you only need declare the interest if you are going to speak on the matter.

What is a prejudicial interest?

You have a prejudicial interest in a matter if;

- a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest; and
- b) the matter affects your financial interests or relates to a licensing or regulatory matter; and
- c) the interest does not fall within one of the exempt categories at paragraph 10(2)(c) of the Code of Conduct.

What do I need to do if I have a prejudicial interest?

If you have a prejudicial interest you must withdraw from the meeting. However, under paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct, if members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about that matter, you may also make representations as if you were a member of the public. However, you must withdraw from the meeting once you have made your representations and before any debate starts.

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	To receive apologies for absence.	
2.	NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)	
	To receive details of any Member 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	1 - 4
	To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2011.	
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.	SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE CHILDRENS HEART SURGERY IN ENGLAND	5 - 10
	To consider submitting a response to a consultation on the proposed options for reconfiguration of paediatric cardiac surgery centres in England.	
7.	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME	11 - 28
	To consider the Committee's work programme.	