

Questions from members of the public – Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, 21 January 2025

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Mr James McGeown Weobley	I understand that currently the co-opted C&YP Scrutiny Committee position of representative as nominated by the diocese of Hereford is not occupied. Is it the intention of the Scrutiny Committee to continue its work program with this position remaining empty and if so how long for?	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
<p>Response: <i>The Local Government Act 2000 requires Herefordshire Council to make constitutional arrangements to include representatives from faith schools as co-opted members of scrutiny committees responsible for oversight of services for children and families.</i></p> <p><i>Herefordshire Council's constitution states that there are co-opted members positions on the committee for representatives of the Diocese of Hereford and the Archdiocese of Cardiff. The council have written to both the Diocese and the Archdiocese to advise them of these positions, and to request nominations to them. Until such time as the Diocese and Archdiocese nominate people to these co-opted positions, the committee will continue its work without them.</i></p>			

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PQ 2	Mr Eddy Parkinson Leintwardine	Will this council commit to never again placing children with convicted sex offenders or persons that police believe are a danger to children.	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
<p>Response: <i>The children services can confirm we would not, and have not, placed a child with a convicted sex offender. In terms of any person approved as a carer on behalf of the LA agency checks are undertaken with the police and their home LA and any concern raised through these checks would be taken into consideration before any approval for placement made.</i></p>			