

Member of the Public Questions Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee 22 July 2025

Questioner	Response	Agreed by director?	Supplementary question and response
1. Mr Eddy Parkinson, Leintwardine I'm emailing on the 15th and the deadline for public questions is the 16th. The agenda reports at this time are missing, council constitution plainly says; Copies of: (a) the agenda, and (b) those reports which are open to the public shall be made available for inspection at the designated office and on the council's website at least five clear working days before the meeting, unless paragraphs 4.2.10 or 4.2.11 apply. Neither exclusion is applicable. The 5 clear working day rule is broken. Ironically families do complain that this council withholds documents to prejudice proceedings. Question is, if the meeting proceeds on the 22nd, why has this meeting proceeded when the constitution has been violated to the detriment of public engagement?	Accept Member / Director Cllr Ivan Powell/Tina Russell Herefordshire Council published the agenda for this meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny on 14 July 2025, as required by the Local Government Act 2000 and this council's constitution. Although the majority of the background papers to the items on the agenda were made available at the time, publication of other background papers was delayed. We apologise for this delay. The chair agrees that scrutiny papers should be ready for the publication date and will be working with the executive to ensure that in future all papers are ready for publication date. The delay to publishing these background papers to the items on the agenda does not invalidate the legitimacy of the meeting. The meeting can still proceed legally despite these delays to publication of the background papers, because the agenda itself has	Yes	Supplementary Question

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	been published and made available to the public.		
2. Ms Reid, Hereford At 14 November 2023 CYPSC meeting Jan Frances was appointed as the Families' Representative co-optee. Also, at the meeting it was agreed that in the future the Committee could recruit two non-statutory co-optees. With respect, I suggest a Families' Representative co-optee and a Families' Representative (SEND) co-optee are appointed as soon as possible. There should be five statutory co-optees (see report to the full Council meeting in May 2025) but currently there is only one. How and by when will the Committee appoint the five statutory co-optees and (I hope) appoint two non-statutory co-optees?	Accept Member / Director Cllr Ivan Powell/Tina Russell Response: The diocese of Hereford has appointed David Willis as their co-opted representative to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. The statutory scrutiny officer will be writing to the archdiocese of Cardiff shortly to remind them of their membership of the committee and to request that they appoint their representative. A request for nominations to the parent-governor co-opted member positions on this committee will be circulated to the relevant primary, secondary and special schools in Herefordshire in late September, after the new school year has started.	Yes	Supplementary question: