

**AGENDA for a meeting of the CHILDREN SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES
SELECT COMMITTEE in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford
on Wednesday 24 January 2001 at 10.30 a.m.**

PLEASE NOTE: a short powerpoint presentation by Nevells Road Nursery School will be made in the Ballroom from 9.00am onwards on the day of the meeting.

MEMBER MEETINGS (FOR MEMBERS ONLY)

Conservative	2.00 p.m.	17 January 2001	Committee Room 'C'
Labour	2.00 p.m.	18 January 2001	Room 156
Liberal Democrat	2.00 p.m.	18 January 2001	Room 156
Conservative	9.30 a.m.	24 January 2001	Committee Room 'B'
Labour	9.15 a.m.	24 January 2001	Room 106
Liberal Democrat	9.30 a.m.	24 January 2001	Room 111

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE - 22, QUORUM - 5

County Councillors (16)

T I Ambrose, J Anderson, J D Beesley, D E Billing, H A Burningham,
F Button, B C Engel, D W Hills, T G M Kent, B J Lamb, D B Lloyd,
M H O'Neill, D Royall, R H Smith, J Taunton, M Tomlinson

Representative Members

Voting (6)

Parent Governors

North area	P Cherry
South area	M W Thompson
East area	C Broadhurst
West area	T Douris
Education Board of the Diocese of St Albans	J Reynolds
Archdiocese of Westminster Schools Commission	M Stothard

Non-voting (5)

Co-opted members from Educational Establishments within the County

C Brooks, I Gibson, J Hayes, G Rowlands, S Springett

AGENDA

AUDIO SYSTEM

The Council Chamber has an audio system to assist those with hearing impairment. Anyone who wishes to use this should contact main (front) reception.

PART 1 (PUBLIC) AGENDA

Meetings of the Committee are open to the public (this includes the press) and attendance is welcomed. However, there may be occasions when the public are excluded from the meeting for particular items of business. Any such items are taken at the end of the meeting and are listed under "Part II ('closed') business".

MINUTES

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 October 2000 (previously circulated).

PUBLIC PETITIONS (Standing Order C10)

Any member of the public, (who is a resident in Hertfordshire or is on the electoral register for Hertfordshire) may present a petition to the Committee. An authorised representative of any Hertfordshire parish or town council subscribing to a parish charter approved by the County Council may also present a petition to the Committee in relation to matters within that parish. The subject of the petition must be appropriate for the Committee and must be signed by at least 100 residents or business ratepayers of Hertfordshire.

Notification of intent to present a petition must be given in writing to the County Secretary, (County Hall, Hertford, SG13 8DE) at least fourteen clear days before the meeting where an item relating to the subject matter of the petition does not appear on the agenda for the meeting and at least three clear days before where the item is the subject of a report.

If you have any queries about the procedure please contact Julia Harries, on telephone no. (01992) 555563.

- (i) Mrs J Langdale will present a petition regarding the removal of a communications mast from the playground at The Orchard Primary School, Gammons Lane, Watford.

QUESTION TIME

Members are able to question the Executive Member(s) on matters which are not the subject of reports on the agenda. A member who wishes to ask a question shall give written notice of it to the County Secretary at least three clear working days before the meeting, stating to whom the question is to be put. Written copies of the questions and answers shall be available at the meeting. Questions shall be answered orally at the meeting in the order in which notice has been received. The member asking the question may ask one supplementary question. The person responding may choose to answer such a supplementary question, or promise a written reply within seven days. The period of time allocated for questions shall not exceed ten minutes. Any questions remaining after that period has elapsed shall be answered in writing within seven days. The Chairman may, however, accept questions without notice if satisfied they are urgent. Such questions shall not count towards the allocated time limit of ten minutes and shall be answered orally at the meeting or in writing within seven days.

Questions relating to matters on the agenda shall be asked when that matter is discussed and may be addressed to the Chairman or to an officer, who may answer orally or may undertake to provide a written reply within seven days.

All reports are reports of the Director of Education unless stated otherwise.

The following reports are attached to this agenda: -

The Executive Member for these items is Keith Emsall

1. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF NEVELLS ROAD NURSERY SCHOOL, LETCHWORTH

[Powerpoint presentation by Nevells Road Nursery School in the Ballroom from 9.00am onwards on 24 January]

Local Members: N Agar, K Emsall, N Haslam

2. NURSERY PROVISION IN OXHEY

Local Members: - G Burrow, F Button, M Colne, J A Hobday,
M Tomlinson

Report of the Director of Education and Corporate Director of People and Property: -

3. SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN CHESHUNT: PROGRESS REPORT

Local members: - M H T Janes, A M R Searing, G D Game,
R A G Thomas, J R Morton, M H O'Neill

[Referred by Executive on 23 October 2000]

4. REVISION OF BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PLAN - CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

5. SCHOOL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS 2001/02

Report not available by despatch deadline - to follow

6. EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Report not available by despatch deadline - to follow

Items referred by the Cabinet/Executive: -

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Best Value and Scrutiny: -

7. BEST VALUE REVIEWS 2001/2002

Executive member: Alan Searing

(a) BEST VALUE REVIEW PROGRAMME FOR 2001/2002

[Referred by Cabinet on 20 November 2000]

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMBER BEST VALUE REVIEW PANEL

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Strategy: -

8. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2001/02

Executive member: Alan Searing

The Plan has been circulated separately to members - please bring to meeting

[Referred by Cabinet on 18 December 2000]

Joint report of the Finance Director and the Director of Education: -

9. PROPOSED RESOURCE BUDGET 2001/02

Executive member: David Beatty

[Referred by Cabinet on 18 December 2000]

Report not available by despatch deadline - to follow

Reports of the Director of Education: -

The Executive Member for the following items is Keith Emsall

10. EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN [EDP]

[Referred by Cabinet on 20 November 2000]

Report not available by despatch deadline - to follow

Reports of the Director of Social Services: -

The Executive Member for these items is Derrick Ashley

11. QUALITY PROTECTS MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN AND SPECIAL GRANT:2001/02

(Appendix 3, the MAP, will be sent out to follow)

[Referred by Cabinet on 18 December 2000]

12. DRAFT YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE PLAN 2001/02

[Referred by Cabinet on 18 December 2000]

13. TACKLING SCHOOL AGE PREGNANCY

[Referred by Cabinet on 18 December 2000]

Scrutiny Items

Reports of the Director of Education: -

14. YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS

Report back on scrutiny item chosen by Select Committee on 18 October 2000

15. SEN STATEMENTS

Review of the criteria for:

- (a) starting the statementing procedure
- (b) issuing statements

This item has been proposed for possible scrutiny by **Tanis Kent**

Report not available by despatch deadline - to follow

Report of the Director of Social Services: -

16. YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SATURDAY COURTS

ITEMS REFERRED TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Select Committee may choose to refer one or more items, and the Opposition may select one item, to the meeting of the County Council on 15 February 2001.

PART II ('CLOSED') AGENDA

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There are no items of Part II (Confidential) business on this agenda but if items are notified the Chairman will move: -

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) ... of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act."

Please note that full papers have been despatched to Committee members only. All other members have been sent the front sheets of each report.

If you require a copy of any of the reports mentioned above or require further information about this agenda please contact Julia Harries, Committee Services, County Secretary's Department, on telephone no. (01992) 555563 or fax. 01992 555518