

**AGENDA for a meeting of the CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES
SELECT COMMITTEE in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford
on WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2001 at 10.30 a.m.**

MEMBER MEETINGS (FOR MEMBERS ONLY)

Conservative	10.00 am	21 March 2001	Committee Room 'C'
Labour/Liberal Democrat	2.00 pm	22 March 2001	Room 156
Conservative	9.30 am	28 March 2001	Committee Room 'B'
Labour	9.15 am	28 March 2001	Room 106
Liberal Democrat	9.30 am	28 March 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 (Chairman), B J Lamb,
D B Lloyd, M H O'Neill, D Royall, R H Smith (Vice-Chairman), J Taunton,
M Tomlinson

Representative Members

Voting (6)

Parent Representatives

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 24 January 2001 (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) A petition will be presented regarding Hillmead School in Bishop's Stortford.
- (ii) A petition will be presented on behalf of the parents/families of Markyate village regarding secondary school admission arrangements. This petition relates to item 2 on the agenda and will be taken immediately before that item.

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.

[No notification of questions had been received at the time of agenda despatch.]

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 unless stated otherwise.

- 1. PRIMARY SCHOOL/NURSERY ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2002/2003**
- 2. SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2002/2003**

A petition will be presented on behalf of the parents/families of Markyate village regarding secondary school admission arrangements.

- 3. POSSIBLE AMALGAMATION OF THUMBSWOOD INFANTS AND BLACKTHORN JUNIOR SCHOOLS, WELWYN GARDEN CITY**

Local Member: David Kerr

- 4. REVIEW OF PANELS**

Executive Member: Derrick Ashley

5. BEST VALUE REVIEW PANEL FOR LEA SERVICES TO SCHOOLS

[Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Best Value and Scrutiny]

Executive Member: - Alan Searing

6. CARERS' BREAKS GRANT

Executive Member: Derrick Ashley

SCRUTINY ITEMS

7. STANDARDS OF ATTAINMENT IN KEY STAGE 3 AND THE ATTAINMENT OF BOYS IN ALL KEY STAGES

[Report back of the Director of Education on scrutiny item chosen by Select Committee on 18 October 2000]

Items chosen by the Select Committee/Committee Group spokesmen: -

8. QUALITY PROTECTS MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVE 6 - SERVICES TO DISABLED CHILDREN

[Report of the Director of Social Services in response to request of the Chairman]

Executive Member: Derrick Ashley

9. NEW FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL: IMPLICATIONS FOR POST 16 PROVISION IN HERTFORDSHIRE

[Report of the Chief Executive in response to request of the Chairman]

Report not available by despatch deadline - **TO FOLLOW**

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 County Council.

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