

**AGENDA for a meeting of the CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford on  
WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2003 at 10.00 a.m.**

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**MEMBER MEETINGS (FOR MEMBERS ONLY)**

Conservative	10 October2003	10.00am	Committee Room 'C'
Labour	9 October2003	2.00pm	Room 156
Liberal Democrat	9 October2003	4.00pm	Room 156

Conservative	15 October	2003	9.30am	Committee Room 'B'
Labour	15 October2003	9.15am	Room 106	
Liberal Democrat	15 October2003	9.30am	Room 12	

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE - 22, QUORUM - 6**

County Councillors (16)

T I Ambrose, D E Billing, N K Brook, P T J Channell, A D Dodd, B C Engel,  
F Guest, D W Hills, T G M Kent (Chairman), B J Lamb, D E Lloyd, M H O'Neill,  
S Quilty (Vice-Chairman), I Simpson, R H Smith, J Taunton

Representative Members

**Voting (6)**

Parent Representatives (4)

P Cherry	North area
M W Thompson	South area
C Broadhurst	East area
T Douris	West area

Church Representatives (2)

J Reynolds	Education Board of the Diocese of St Albans
M Stothard	Archdiocese of Westminster Schools Commission

**Non-voting (9)**

Teacher Representatives (6)

C Brooks	Secondary Headteacher's Association
P Brooks	National Association of Governors and Managers
I Gibson	National Association of School Masters/ Union of Women Teachers
J Hayes	National Union of Teachers
G Rowlands	Association of Teachers and Lecturers
S Springett	National Association of Headteachers

Co-opted members from the Health and Voluntary Sectors (2 + 1 vacancy)

M Mitchell	Deputy Executive Director, Dacorum CVS
L Wallace	Chairman of Hertfordshire Association for Young People (HAYP)

**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 [SC.8]**

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 June 2003 (previously circulated).

## **PUBLIC PETITIONS [SC.11]**

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.

No notice of petitions had been received at the time of agenda despatch.

## **QUESTIONS [SC.9(4)]**

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 **five clear working days** ((where a working day is Monday to Friday, 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m.) 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.

The following questions have been received from Sue Jones:

Question 1.

*'Does the Executive Member agree that the debacle of the CATS summer playschemes in Welwyn Garden City was totally unacceptable and can he tell us what is being done to find out why it happened and how such a situation can be avoided in future?'*

Question 2.

*'The CATS playschemes are the only respite care available to these families in the school holidays so will the Executive Member please tell us what level of provision there will be at Christmas 2003, Easter 2004 and summer 2004?'*

All reports are reports of the Director of Children, Schools and Families unless stated otherwise.

**The following reports are attached to this agenda: -**

The Executive Member for these items is Robert Gordon.

1. **CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES SERVICE PLAN 2004/05**
2. **COUNTY COUNCIL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITOR – CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES BUDGET MONITORING AND REPORTING IN 2002/03**
3. **A/AS LEVEL ACHIEVEMENT** *to follow*
4. **REPORT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF QUADRANTS TOPIC GROUP** *to follow*
5. **YEAR 7 CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL**
6. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE IN 2002/03 BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTORATE**
7. **TRAFFIC LIGHT MONITOR**
8. **REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITOR TO 31 JULY 2003**
9. **SCRUTINY UPDATE AND WORK PROGRAMME REPORT**

*[Report of the Scrutiny Support Officer]*

## **ITEM FOR REPORT TO THE COUNCIL [SC.7(2)]**

At a committee meeting the Leader of the Opposition or a spokesman nominated by that Leader may require one identified item to be reported from that meeting to the 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**