

**AGENDA for a meeting of the CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford on
WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2004 at 10.00 a.m.**

MEMBER MEETINGS (FOR MEMBERS ONLY)

Conservative	4 October 2004	2.00pm	Committee Room 'C'
Opposition	8 October 2004	2.00pm	Room 156
Conservative	15 October 2004	9.30am	Committee Room 'B'
Labour	15 October 2004	9.15am	Room 106
Liberal Democrat	15 October 2004	9.30am	Room 12

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE - 22, QUORUM - 6

County Councillors (16)

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

Representative Members

Voting (6)

Parent Representatives (4)

P A Cherry	North area
J E Shire	South area
M Calvert	East area
R Tucker	West area

Church Representatives (2)

J Reynolds vacancy	Education Board of the Diocese of St Albans Archdiocese of Westminster Schools Commission
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Non-voting (9)

Teacher Representatives (6)

T Douris I Gibson	National Association of Governors and Managers National Association of School Masters/ Union of Women Teachers
G Rowlands A Saunders S Springett D Williams	Association of Teachers and Lecturers Secondary Headteachers' Association National Association of Headteachers National Union of Teachers

Co-opted members from the Health and Voluntary Sectors (3)

M Mitchell L Wallace vacancy	Executive Director, Dacorum CVS Chairman of Hertfordshire Association for Young People (HAYP)
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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 meetings of the Committee held on 23 June 2004 (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. Email: julia.harries@hertscc.gov.uk

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.

These questions and answers will be taken at the end of the meeting.

1. The following question has been received from **Pat Cherry**:

'Could the Executive Member please tell me why the Parent Governor Representatives are not invited to attend the public meetings which are arranged by CSF? I believe that it is my remit to represent the parents of the North Quadrant, and I was not informed of the meeting at Longmeadow School in Stevenage, and only managed to attend the other three meetings by reading of them in the local press. Unless I am invited to such meetings I fail to see how I am able to fulfil this important role.'

2. The following question has been received from **Tanis Kent**:

'Nick Line Path in Redbourne

Under the new rules this became a designated route to school for Redbourne parents and because of this, Roundwood became the nearest school for a number of them; however parents won't use this path because they say it's dangerous, so they are having to pay for a place on school transport.

Does this situation occur in other parts of the County now that unlit paths are designated, and what, if anything, is being done to resolve this dispute in Redbourne?'

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

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 reports are attached to this agenda: -

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND EDUCATION

The Executive Members for the following items are Robert Gordon and Jane Pitman.

1. **THE CSF PLAN 2005/08** – *the draft CSF Plan will be circulated separately*
2. **GROWTH AND CHANGE: PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE IN CSF** – *the full consultation document will be circulated separately*

EDUCATION

The Executive Member for the following items is Robert Gordon.

3. **OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS LEARNING – SCOPING REPORT**
4. **FINAL REPORT OF THE KEY STAGE 2 TOPIC GROUP** – *to follow*

AFTER LUNCH BREAK

5. OVERVIEW OF THE WORK OF HERTFORDSHIRE YOUTH SERVICE

The Executive Members for the following items are Robert Gordon, Jane Pitman and (for items 6, 7 and 8) David Beatty.

6. COUNCIL PROMISES MONITOR REPORT – ‘TRAFFIC LIGHT’ MONITOR FOR 2004 - 2005

Report of the Director of Children, Schools and Families and the Head of Performance Improvement

7. (a) LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT 1 (LPSA 1) – ‘TRAFFIC LIGHT’ MONITOR FOR 2004 - 05

Report of the Head of Performance Agreement

(b) LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (LPSA)

Report of the Director of Children, Schools and Families and the Head of Performance Improvement

8. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITOR TO 30 JUNE 2004

Report of the Director of Children, Schools and Families and the Finance Director

9. SCRUTINY UPDATE AND WORK PROGRAMME REPORT

Report of the Head of Scrutiny

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, fax. 01992 555518 or email julia.harries@hertscc.gov.uk