

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA FOR**

# **Council**

**Friday 6 March 2015**

**10.00 am**

**The Shire Hall, St Peter's Square, Hereford HR1 2HX**

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**Public questions to Council – 6 March 2015**

**Question from Mr A Lee, Herefordshire**

Question 1

**Top ten footpath problems**

You will have probably read items in the press regarding Herefordshire Ramblers Top Ten footpath problems in the county, and a copy of these ten issues has been provided to you.

Herefordshire Council is the statutory authority regarding public rights of way issues and, as you are cabinet member responsible, could you please explain what action you and the council propose to make to resolve these issues?

I have had a conversation with Balfour Beatty Living Places regarding this, but would value your comments and the possibility for partnership working to help resolve these issues.

**Answer from Councillor P Rone, Cabinet Member Transport & Roads**

Answer to question 1

I understand that Mr Lee has now received an update on progress in relation to Herefordshire Ramblers' 'top ten' footpath problems; I am sorry for the time taken to respond to his original request for information. However, as Mr Lee will know from that update, a substantial amount of work has either been completed or is underway which should result in many of these issues being resolved during 2015/16.

Herefordshire Council and our contractors Balfour Beatty Living Places are committed to working with landowners, the Ramblers Association and other voluntary organisations or community groups to ensure that residents and visitors alike can continue to access our beautiful county.

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**Members' questions at Council – 6 March 2015****Question from Councillor D Taylor****South Wye relief road**

## Question 1

- a) In the event that the people of Herefordshire elect a party to run this Council that does not support the building of the Relief Road from the A49 to the A465/B4349, will the £27m funding that has been allocated have to be returned to Government, or given to the other partners with in the Local Enterprise Partnership: Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin to spend on a project that they may have or can this Council retain the funding that has been allocated to be spent as they wish without reference to the two other Councils?
  
- b) Could you please advise when the planning application for the link Road is to be submitted for consideration by the Council's Planning Committee.

**Answer from Councillor PD Price Cabinet Member Infrastructure**

## Answer to question 1

The funding allocation has been secured via the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) specifically to support delivery of a link road between the A49 and A465, as part of a wider package of transport improvement measures planned for South Wye. That funding would be retained by government if the project did not go ahead, and would not be available either to Herefordshire Council or the Marches LEP for any other use.

A planning application is being finalised in light of pre-application guidance and will be submitted shortly.

