

A G E N D A

Strategic Monitoring Committee

Date: **Wednesday, 16th July, 2008**

Time: **9.30 a.m.**

Place: **The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35
Hafod Road, Hereford**

Notes: Please note the **time, date** and **venue** of the meeting.

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AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Strategic Monitoring Committee

To: Councillor PJ Edwards (Chairman)
Councillor WLS Bowen (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors PA Andrews, WU Attfield, KG Grumbley, TM James, RI Matthews,
PM Morgan, AT Oliver, SJ Robertson and JK Swinburne

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.

GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

The Council's Members' Code of Conduct requires Councillors to declare against an Agenda item(s) the nature of an interest and whether the interest is personal or prejudicial. Councillors have to decide first whether or not they have a personal interest in the matter under discussion. They will then have to decide whether that personal interest is also prejudicial.

A personal interest is an interest that affects the Councillor more than most other people in the area. People in the area include those who live, work or have property in the area of the Council. Councillors will also have a personal interest if their partner, relative or a close friend, or an organisation that they or the member works for, is affected more than other people in the area. If they do have a personal interest, they must declare it but can stay and take part and vote in the meeting.

Whether an interest is prejudicial is a matter of judgement for each Councillor. What Councillors have to do is ask themselves whether a member of the public – if he or she knew all the facts – would think that the Councillor's interest was so important that their decision would be affected by it. If a Councillor has a prejudicial interest then they must declare what that interest is and leave the meeting room.

3. MINUTES

To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2008.

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4.	SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY	
	To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.	
5.	CABINET MEMBER (RESOURCES) PRESENTATION	13 - 34
	To outline the key elements of the Resources portfolio and the future direction that has been agreed with the Director.	
6.	CABINET MEMBER PRESENTATIONS - CORPORATE & CUSTOMER SERVICES & HUMAN RESOURCES AND ICT, EDUCATION AND ACHIEVEMENT	35 - 50
	To receive presentations from both the Cabinet Members for Corporate & Customer Services and Human Resources and ICT, Education & Achievement.	
7.	HEREFORDSHIRE CONNECTS	51 - 54
	To advise on the outcome of an options appraisal carried out to inform future implementation of the Herefordshire Connects programme, and to seek the views of the Committee on recommendations arising from the options appraisal prior to consideration by Cabinet on 31 st July.	
8.	END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT	55 - 110
	To report performance for the whole of the operating year 2007-08 against the Annual Operating Plan 2007-08, Best Value Performance Indicators, and the Direction of Travel indicators used previously by the Audit Commission.	
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	To update the Committee on progress to date around the requested review of the use of consultants in the council during 2007/08 and to invite the Committee to agree a proposed definition of the term "consultancy" for the purpose of this exercise	
11.	SCRUTINY ACTIVITY REPORT	145 - 148
	To consider the work being undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees.	
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