

The Public's Rights to Information and Attendance at Meetings

Herefordshire Council is currently conducting its public committees, including the Planning and Regulatory Committee, as "virtual" meetings. These meetings will be video streamed live on the internet and a video recording maintained on the council's website after the meeting. This is in response to a recent change in legislation as a result of COVID-19. This arrangement will be adopted while public health emergency measures including, for example, social distancing, remain in place.

Meetings will be streamed live on the Herefordshire Council YouTube Channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/HerefordshireCouncil>

The recording of the meeting will be available shortly after the meeting has concluded through the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting page on the council's web-site.

<http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=264&Year=0>

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO: -

- Observe all "virtual" Council, Cabinet, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings unless the business to be transacted would disclose 'confidential' or 'exempt' information.
- Inspect agenda and public reports at least five clear days before the date of the meeting. (These will be published on the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting page on the council's web-site. See link above).
- Inspect minutes of the Council and all Committees and Sub-Committees and written statements of decisions taken by the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members for up to six years following a meeting. (These will be published on the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting page on the council's web-site. See link above).
- Inspect background papers used in the preparation of public reports for a period of up to four years from the date of the meeting. (A list of the background papers to a report is given at the end of each report). A background paper is a document on which the officer has relied in writing the report and which otherwise is not available to the public.
- Access to a public register stating the names, addresses and wards of all Councillors with details of the membership of Cabinet and of all Committees and Sub-Committees.
- Have access to a list specifying those powers on which the Council have delegated decision making to their officers identifying the officers concerned by title.
- Access to this summary of your rights as members of the public to observe "virtual" meetings of the Council, Cabinet, Committees and Sub-Committees and to inspect documents.