

Agenda

Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 20 July 2026**

Time: **10.00 am**

Place: **Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough
Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE**

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

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Membership

Chairperson	Councillor Ed O'Driscoll
Vice-chairperson	Councillor Frank Cornthwaite

Councillor Bruce Baker
Councillor Helen Heathfield
Councillor Rob Owens
Councillor Roger Phillips
Councillor Diana Toynbee

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence.	
2.	NAMED SUBSTITUTES To receive details of any councillor nominated to attend the meeting in place of a member of the committee.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.	
4.	MINUTES To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2026. HOW TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS The deadline for the submission of questions for this meeting is 5.00 pm on Tuesday 14 July 2026. Questions can be submitted via the Online questions portal Further information and guidance is available at Get involved - Herefordshire Council Accepted questions and the response to them will be published as a supplement to the agenda papers prior to the meeting. Full details about asking questions and the deadlines at public meetings can be found here: constitution of the council . Guidance for questions being submitted for scrutiny can be found here	13 - 20
5.	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC To receive any written questions from members of the public.	
6.	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL To receive any written questions from members of the council.	
7.	HEREFORD BYPASS PHASE ONE – FULL BUSINESS CASE To provide committee members with the full business case for Hereford Western Bypass Phase One, along with the assessment criteria that will be used alongside the full business case by Cabinet to determine whether to proceed with the project.	21 - 636
8.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING TASK AND FINISH GROUP To receive a verbal update from the Chairperson of the Public participation in planning task and finish group.	
9.	WORK PROGRAMME 2026-7 To consider the draft work programme for Herefordshire Council's scrutiny	637 - 702

committees.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 22 September 2026, 10:00 am.