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19th March, 2007

Dear Councillor,

**MEETING OF CABINET**  
**THURSDAY, 22ND MARCH, 2007 AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROCKINGTON, 35 HAFOD ROAD, HEREFORD**

**AGENDA (07/04)**

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL - NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 15 OF THE LOCAL  
 AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS((ACCESS TO INFORMATION) REGULATIONS  
 2000 (AS AMENDED)**

Notice is hereby given that the following report contains a key decision. When the decision has been made, Members of the relevant Scrutiny Committee will be sent a copy of the decision notice and given the opportunity to call-in the decision.

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Portfolio Responsibility</b>	<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Included in the Forward Plan Yes/No</b>
9	Review of the Voluntary Code of Practice for the Use of Polytunnels in Herefordshire.	Environment	Environment	No
12	Withdrawal of Hereford City Council Support for Grounds Maintenance and its Impact on the Parks Service	Community Services	Community Services	No

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**


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To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda.

**3. GENDER EQUALITY SCHEME**

To approve the Gender Equality Scheme 2007-2010. *(Pages 1 - 20)*

**4. FUTURE OF POST OFFICE SERVICES IN RURAL HEREFORDSHIRE**

To update Cabinet on the DTI consultation on the Post Office network and the progress being made on an initiative to develop sustainable options for the delivery of post office services to rural communities in Herefordshire.

*(Pages 21 - 34)*

**5. HEREFORDSHIRE SATISFACTION SURVEY**

To report the results of the recently completed survey and the actions being taken to follow these up. *(Pages 35 - 40)*

**6. EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF ICT**

To set out the Executive response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review commissioned by the Strategic Monitoring Committee and conducted by a group of Members under the Chairmanship of Councillor BF Ashton. *(Pages 41 - 46)*

**7. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

To seek adoption of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and be informed of the Inspector's report into the soundness of the document. This document is required as part of the new planning system and will set out how the Council will consult on planning matters. *(Pages 47 - 258)*

**8. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK TASK GROUP**

This report proposes a mechanism for the alignment of the emerging Local Development Framework (LDF) with the Community Strategy, through the fostering of a collaborative relationship between the Council as local planning authority and the Herefordshire Partnership.

*(Pages 259 - 262)*

**9. REVIEW OF THE VOLUNTARY CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE USE OF POLYTUNNELS IN HEREFORDSHIRE**



To report the findings of the Polytunnel Review Working Group as received by the Environment Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on the 12th March, 2007. (Pages 263 - 274)

**10. RIVER WYE LITIGATION UPDATE**

To receive an update on the settlement of the High Court litigation relating to the riparian rights within the College Hole on the River Wye. (Pages 275 - 276)

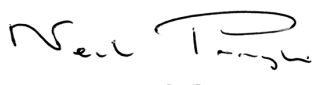
**11. ELECTION COSTS**

To note the proposed apportionment of election costs proposed between Herefordshire Council and the Parish and Group Parishes on which the Returning Officer would intend to act. (Pages 277 - 280)

**12. WITHDRAWAL OF HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND ITS IMPACT ON THE PARKS SERVICE**

To inform Cabinet of Hereford City Council's decision to withdraw funding support for grounds maintenance in Hereford City for 2006/7 and to advise of the impact to services of this decision. (Pages 281 - 284)

Yours sincerely,



Copies to: Chairman of the Council  
Chairman of Strategic Monitoring Committee  
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