

# Strategic Monitoring Committee

Date: **Monday, 21st January, 2008**

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Time: **10.00 a.m.**

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

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

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**County of Herefordshire  
District Council**



# AGENDA

## for the Meeting of the Strategic Monitoring Committee

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

Councillors PA Andrews, WU Attfield, SPA Daniels, KG Grumbley, TM James, RI Matthews, SJ Robertson, RH Smith 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 this 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 19th November, 2007.

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<b>4. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY</b>	
To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.	
<b>5. INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT</b>	11 - 12
To consider the Council's performance for the first eight months of 2007-08 against the Annual Operating Plan 2007-08 and national performance indicators used externally to measure the performance of the Council; partnership performance for the first six months in delivering the Local Public Service Agreement, Local Area Agreement and Herefordshire Community Strategy; and performance against revenue and capital budgets and corporate risks, and remedial action to address areas of under-performance.	
<b>6. ELECTIONS MAY 2007</b>	13 - 34
To outline and consider the recent problems arising from the elections and prepare an action plan, designed to improve the service and process based on the lessons learnt from previous elections.	
<b>7. SCRUTINY ACTIVITY REPORT</b>	35 - 38
To consider the work being undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees.	
<b>8. WORK PROGRAMMES</b>	39 - 48
To consider the Scrutiny Committees' current and future work programmes.	