

Strategic Monitoring Committee

Date: **Monday, 10th March, 2008**

Time: **10.00 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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**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, KG Grumbley, TM James, RI Matthews,
AT Oliver, 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 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. 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.

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4.	COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL UPDATE	1 - 8
	To note the Council's 2007 Comprehensive Performance Assessment and direction of Travel statement issued by the Audit Commission on 7 February.	
5.	INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT	9 - 72
	To consider the Council's performance for the first ten months – to the end of January - 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 eight months – to the end of November - 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.	
6.	MANAGING PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT	73 - 116
	To note progress against the action plan that was developed as the Authority's response to the audit of its performance management arrangements in the autumn of 2006, and the associated communications action plan.	
7.	SMALLHOLDINGS ESTATE POLICY AND WORKING PRACTICES	117 - 138
	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Council's policy on management of the smallholdings estate and invite any comments.	
8.	HEREFORDSHIRE COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMME	139 - 174
	To consider the proposed action plan to ensure that the Council, with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and its other partners, is well-placed for the new system of Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA).	
9.	DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2008-11	175 - 260
	To consider a draft of the Council's Corporate Plan 2008-11; and to offer comments for Cabinet to consider.	
10.	PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK AND CYCLE	261 - 300
	To consider a draft updated performance improvement framework for the Council, together with an associated two-year performance improvement cycle; and to offer comments for Cabinet to consider.	
11.	CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION ON HEREFORDSHIRE CONNECTS – EXECUTIVE RESPONSE	301 - 302
	To note Cabinet's response to the recommendations made by the Strategic Monitoring Committee following the call-in of Cabinet's decision on the acquisition of the preferred technology to replace the current client systems used within both Adult Social Care and the Children and Young People's Directorate and the Committee's consideration of a consolidated report on the Herefordshire Connects programme.	
12.	WORK PROGRAMME	303 - 306
	To consider the Committee's work programme.	