

# A G E N D A

## Strategic Monitoring Committee

Date: **Thursday, 20th March, 2008**

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Time: **9.30 a.m.**

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

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Notes: **Please note that the detailed reports relating to agenda items 5-10 were issued with the agenda papers for 10 March. See footnote at the end of the agenda.**

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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. MINUTES (TO FOLLOW)**

To approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 6 March and 10 March 2008.

**Pages**

**4. 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.

**5. MANAGING PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

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.

**6. HEREFORDSHIRE COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMME**

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).

**7. DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2008-11**

To consider the draft Corporate Plan 2008 -2011.

**8. PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK AND CYCLE**

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.

**9. CALL-IN OF CABINET DECISION ON HEREFORDSHIRE CONNECTS - EXECUTIVE RESPONSE**

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.

**10. WORK PROGRAMME**

To consider the Committee's work programme.

**Items 5-10 listed above were on the Committee's agenda for 10 March 2008 which is available on the Council's website. Consideration of them was deferred. The detailed reports for those agenda items are to be found with those agenda papers. Members are asked to bring those papers with them to the meeting. Members are reminded that an updated version of the Corporate Plan will be circulated.**

**Further copies of the agenda papers are available to Members or to the public on request or via the Council's website:**

(<http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDocHome.asp>.)