

Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday, 9th June, 2008

Time: **9.30 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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AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

To: Councillor RI Matthews (Chairman)
Councillor KG Grumbley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors CM Bartrum, WLS Bowen, JHR Goodwin, JW Hope MBE, MAF Hubbard, TW Hunt, PM Morgan, A Seldon and PJ Watts

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

To receive details any details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES

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To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2008.

5. 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.

6. PRESENTATION BY CABINET MEMBER (ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC HOUSING)

The Cabinet Member (Environment and Strategic Housing) will comment on achievements or areas for improvement in the past year in his programme area as it related to this Committee, what will need to be addressed in the coming year and indicate issues he may wish to involve Scrutiny in in the future.

7. PRESENTATION BY CABINET MEMBER (HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION)

The Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation) will comment on achievement or areas for improvement in the past year in his programme area, what will need to be addressed in the coming year and indicate issues he may wish to involve Scrutiny in in the future.

8. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE

To report on how the Directorate has performed against the Directorate Plan and performance targets and issues to be addressed in the future.

9. REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

To report on issues the new Directorate will be addressing within the terms of reference of this Committee.

10. REVIEW OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP WITH AMEY WYE VALLEY LTD - UPDATE

To update the Committee on progress with the review of the Council's Service Delivery Partnership with Amey Wye Valley Ltd.

11. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITOIRNG

To advise the Committee on the final outturn position for the 2007/08 Environment Capital Programme and to highlight the proposed programme for 2008/09.

12. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

To advise the Committee on the final revenue outturn position for Environment for 2007/08 and to outline the agreed budget for 2008/09, highlighting the emerging budget pressures.

13. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF PLANNING SERVICES

To agree both the principle of a review of the Council's Planning Service, and its terms of reference.

14. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

To consider the Committee work programme.

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