

A G E N D A

Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 23 March 2009**

Time: **9.30 am**

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

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

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Herefordshire Council

AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

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

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

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

To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2009.

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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. SETTING LOCAL SPEED LIMITS	7 - 22
To inform the Committee on the Council's approach to considering and changing local speed limits and provide an update on how the Council is planning to implement the guidance set out in Circular 1/2006 'Setting Local Speed Limits'.	
7. FLOODING OF ROADS AND PROPERTIES IN HEREFORDSHIRE - VARIOUS ASPECTS	23 - 40
To provide information to the Committee on recent flooding events as requested in the meeting of 24 th November 2008 and resultant actions.	
8. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING	41 - 50
To advise the Committee of the financial position for the Environment Programme Area budgets for the period to 31 st January 2009. The report lists the variations against budget at this stage in the year.	
9. REVENUE MONITORING - PLANNING SERVICES EXPENDITURE ON LEGAL AND CONSULTANCY COSTS	51 - 58
To provide the Committee with the information requested at a previous meeting.	
10. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING	59 - 62
To advise Scrutiny Committee on the progress of 2008/09 Capital Programme for Environment within the overall context of the Herefordshire Council's Capital Programme.	
11. ENVIRONMENT & CULTURE AND REGENERATION DIRECTORATES: PERFORMANCE FOR NINE MONTH PERIOD TO DECEMBER 2008	63 - 74
To update Members on the progress towards achievement of targets for 2008-09 relevant to the Environment Scrutiny Committee and contained within the Environment & Culture and Regeneration Directorates Plans.	
12. SERVICE DELIVERY REVIEW - UPDATE	
To receive an oral update on the Service Delivery Review.	
13. WASTE DISPOSAL PFI CONTRACT - UPDATE	
To receive an oral update on the Waste Disposal PFI Contract.	
14. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	75 - 78
To consider the Committee work programme.	