

AGENDA

Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 14 September 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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Agenda for the Meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

Membership

Chairman	Councillor RI Matthews
Vice-Chairman	Councillor PJ Watts
	Councillor CM Bartrum
	Councillor WLS Bowen
	Councillor DW Greenow
	Councillor JW Hope MBE
	Councillor MAF Hubbard
	Councillor TW Hunt
	Councillor PM Morgan
	Councillor A Seldon
	Councillor NL Vaughan

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. A Councillor who has declared a prejudicial interest at a meeting may nevertheless be able to address that meeting, but only in circumstances where an ordinary member of the public would be also allowed to speak. In such circumstances, the Councillor concerned will have the same opportunity to address the meeting and on the same terms. However, a Councillor exercising their ability to speak in these circumstances must leave the meeting immediately after they have spoken.

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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.	
4.	MINUTES To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2009.	1 - 10
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.	ENVIRONMENT & CARBON MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE To review the Council's performance against the corporate Environmental Strategy targets and to update the committee on the Council's targets in relation to climate change and carbon management, with particular reference to the Council's own carbon emissions.	11 - 38
7.	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN FOLLOWING THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE PLANNING SERVICE To consider Cabinet's response to the recommendations made to it in the Scrutiny Review of Planning Services and following the Planning Service Review undertaken by the Audit Commission.	39 - 68
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