

AGENDA

Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 23 November 2009**

Time: **9.30 am**

Place: **The Larruperz Centre, Grammar School Close, Station Approach, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7AQ**

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

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

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	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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<p>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To receive details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.</p>	
<p>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.</p>	
<p>4. MINUTES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2009.</p>	1 - 8
<p>5. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.</p>	
<p>6. SAFER ROADS PARTNERSHIP AND SPEED LIMIT REVIEW UPDATE</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. To provide Members with an overview of the work of the West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership and its role in helping deliver Herefordshire Council's road safety strategy;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2. To update Members on progress for a workshop on the review of the road safety strategy; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">3. To provide an update to Members on the progress of the review of Speed Limits and respond to specific questions raised following the report on this subject to the 23 March 2009 meeting.</p>	9 - 12
<p>7. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To update the Committee on current highway maintenance standards and the plans that are in place to improve the long term condition of the highway network and better satisfy the needs and desires of Herefordshire's communities in regard to roads maintenance.</p>	13 - 20
<p>8. COUNCIL VEHICLE FLEET</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To inform the Committee of the make up of the council fleet and highlight opportunities being considered to improve the management and environmental performance of the fleet.</p>	21 - 26
<p>9. EXECUTIVE RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN FOLLOWING THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF ON-STREET PARKING</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">To consider Cabinet's response to the recommendations made to it in the Scrutiny Review of On-street Parking.</p>	27 - 44

10. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING	45 - 48
To advise the Scrutiny Committee on progress of the 2009/10 Environment Capital Programme within the overall context of the Council's Capital Programme.	
11. REVENUE BUDGET REPORT	49 - 56
To advise the Committee of the financial position for the Environment budgets for the period to 30 September 2009. The report lists the variations against budget at this stage in the year and the projected outturn for the year.	
12. ENVIRONMENT & CULTURE AND REGENERATION DIRECTORATES: PERFORMANCE FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD TO SEPTEMBER 2009	57 - 92
To update Members on the progress towards achievement of targets for 2009-10 relevant to the Environment Scrutiny Committee and contained within the Environment & Culture and Regeneration Directorates' Plans.	
13. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	93 - 96
To consider the Committee work programme.	