

AGENDA

Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 7 June 2010**

Time: **9.30 am**

Place: **The Function Room, Bridge Street Sports Centre,
Leominster, HR6 8EA**

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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(as appointed at Council on 28 May 2010)

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AGENDA

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Strategic Housing

Supporting People

Public Health

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Community Safety

Economic Development

Youth Services

Health

Planning, provision and operation of health services affecting the area

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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Environment Scrutiny Committee held at The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford on Monday 19 April 2010 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillor RI Matthews (Chairman)
Councillor PJ Watts (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: CM Bartrum, WLS Bowen, JW Hope MBE, MAF Hubbard, TW Hunt, G Lucas, PM Morgan and A Seldon

In attendance: Councillors: PJ Edwards and TM James

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor DW Greenow. Apologies were also received from Councillor JG Jarvis (Cabinet Member – Environment & Strategic Housing) and Councillor DB Wilcox (Cabinet Member – Highways and Transportation).

64. NAMED SUBSTITUTES

Councillor G Lucas substituted for Councillor DW Greenow.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

66. MINUTES

The following typographical errors were noted:
Minute 47, fourth bullet point, substitute electric for eclectic;
Minute 48 third paragraph substitute severe for sever;
Minute 56, in first line substitute PJ Watts for JP Watts.

RESOLVED: That subject to the above typographical amendments the minutes for the meetings held 22 March and 26 March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

67. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY

No suggested areas for scrutiny were received from members of the public.

68. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS - UPDATE

The Committee received an update on current highway maintenance standards and the plans 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.

The Highway Network Manager presented the agenda report and highlighted that: an additional £4.7 Million would be invested in the highway network during the 2010/11 financial year which would enable a programme totalling £11.7million of highway maintenance to be delivered. This would counter the impact of this last winter on the condition of A, B and C

roads, with the targeted performance remaining at the levels set in September 2009. As priority for investment will be given to the classified road network, the action in relation to the condition of the unclassified road network will seek to ensure that it is returned to 2009 levels. A revised means of assessing footway condition is being introduced. This will take account of the condition of footways across the county. The previous Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) only took account of high usage footways, such as in the City and town centres. Further detail on road and footway condition was set out in the agenda report.

On considering the report the following principal points were noted:

- That where possible Amey Herefordshire were using local sub-contractors.
- In general terms the level of investment in trunk roads was one and a half times that of other roads.
- The Council were working with Amey Herefordshire to establish an inventory of maintenance/investment need and this would be assessed against the maintenance criteria set out in the Council's Asset Management Plan to ensure that works were undertaken against a reasoned maintenance programme.
- It was confirmed that £11.7m was the total maintenance budget for 2010/11 which included surfacing, lines, signs etc. The County had experienced a 30% increase in damage to its highway network due to the winter weather.
- Clarifying whether this years additional investment would raise the overall highway condition, the Committee noted that while priority was being given to the classified road network, the action in relation to the unclassified road network would seek to ensure that performance did not fall below the 2009 level of 23% of the unclassified roads being identified as requiring maintenance. It was noted that it is unlikely that even if the targeted performance was achieved, this would be recognised by road users as significant progress in addressing the overall condition of our roads. Noting that it was for Council to set the budget priorities, the Committee urged the Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation) to make every effort to address the highway maintenance backlog situation (estimated at £40m) in next years budget.
- Comparing the probable number of vehicles to the likely road tax paid in the County it was questioned whether Herefordshire was receiving a reasonable share of grant towards highway maintenance.
- Members requested an update (briefing note) on progress with the highways maintenance programme.
- Various Life Cycle Plans, which contributed to the Asset Management Plan, covering the various elements of highway assets were due to be completed by June 2010.
- The Committee noted the number of footways surveyed when undertaking footway condition surveys and changes to the method of surveying.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and appreciating the pressures on the Highways Service the Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation) be urged to make every effort to address the highway maintenance backlog situation in next year's budget.

69. STREET SCENE - CLEANLINESS AND FOOTWAY CONDITION

The Committee considered a report on the current street cleansing standards and the plans in place to improve the cleanliness of the county and continue to better satisfy the needs and desires of Herefordshire communities in regard to street cleanliness.

The Watchman in Chief, Amey Herefordshire, presented the agenda report and highlighted a number of initiatives being introduced including: Community Litter Picks; partnership working with Network Rail to improve the area around Barrs Court Road; A and B class road litter picking, and educational work to engender a sense of pride in the community.

During consideration of the report the following principal points were noted:

- Clarifying the targets set out at paragraph 5 it was stated that in the case of litter then at least 95% of the area surveyed need to be clean.
- Questioned regarding Health and Safety issues of clearing graffiti over 8 foot from the ground, the Committee were informed that Amey Herefordshire were implementing a 'see it- clear it' policy with its staff and further efforts would be made to instil this policy.
- It was requested that the member briefing note requested at the 26 March meeting concerning the remit and powers of the Community Protection Team be forwarded electronically to all Parish Councils for information and that information on the cost to the County of street cleanliness also be included.
- Responding to whether offenders doing Community Service undertook street cleaning work the Committee were informed that offenders were involved, however, they could only be engaged in specific projects.
- While noting there was a level of partnership working between the Council's Community Protection Team, Safer Herefordshire and West Mercia Police to reduce criminal damage and anti-social behaviour, the Committee suggested that in view of the Total Place Initiative the Council and its partners be urged to work even closer together to tackle environmental crime (litter, detritus, graffiti and fly tipping).
- Litter bins needed to be provided, with an adequate emptying programme, at key locations.
- A number of ways of informing the public concerning littering and warning about successful prosecutions was discussed. The Committee recommended that the Service seek to have a regular article in Herefordshire Matters highlighting the cost of environmental crime in the County.
- Questioned whether an analysis had been undertaken of where litter in High Town had come from with the originator then approached, the Committee were informed that this would need to be undertaken through official channels.
- When invited, schools were visited to talk about litter and the environment, however, it was acknowledged that parents also needed to be educated not to litter.

RESLOVED: that the report be noted and

- 1. the member briefing note requested at the 26 March 2010 meeting concerning the remit and powers of the Community Protection Team be forwarded electronically to all Parish Councils for information;**
- 2. in view of the Total Place initiative Council departments and partner organisations be urged to work even closer together to tackle environmental crime (litter, detritus, graffiti & fly posting)**
- 3. parish councils be informed of the financial cost to the Herefordshire tax payer of environmental crime.**
- 4. it is recommended that the Highway Service requests Public Relations to have a regular article in Herefordshire Matters**

highlighting the cost and implications of environmental crime in the County.

70. REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION - STREET LIGHTING - FURTHER UPDATE

The Committee received an update on progress made by the highway service in reducing the energy consumed and carbon dioxide generated through street lighting.

The Highway Network Manager presented the agenda report and highlighted that: street lighting energy was provided from a green source at a rate of approximately 9.5p a unit from April 2010 (Green tariff premium now 0.062p); work continues on the implementation and evaluation of a range of energy reduction options, and over 10 tonnes reduction in Co2 had been achieved to date since the last report (June 09), mainly as a result of trial applications, the scope for further improvement is considerable and will be pursued, informed by the results of trials. Current progress on the energy reduction options was summarised in Appendix 1 to the report.

During consideration of the progress report the Committee noted the following principal points:

- Nationally there were a number of trial schemes to reduce street lighting energy consumption. Regionally, Herefordshire was part of the Midland Service Improvement Group (representing 19 authorities) and were in the forefront of innovative ideas.
- Responding to questions on carbon trading the Committee were informed that the Service was very aware of Carbon Targets. Currently street lighting data was not included for carbon trading but would be when it moved to half hourly data capture.
- As a result of local trials and through monitoring other authorities, particularly Powys and Buckingham, the Service were looking to move to the next stage which would probably be a mixture of schemes depending on the appropriate one for the location.
- There was sufficient flexibility in the existing budget to undertake trial lighting schemes.
- Solar power was being trialled, however, this incurred a higher capital investment and could be prone to vandalism.
- The Chairman reminded the Committee that a full report on the Council's planned carbon reduction actions would be reported to the June 2010 meeting and expected it to contain details of how reductions in street lighting energy would contribute to the Councils overall carbon reduction targets.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted and greater detail on how a reduction in street lighting energy consumption would contribute to the Council's overall Carbon Management reductions be reported as part of the Carbon Management report to June 2010 meeting.

71. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee reviewed its work programme.

The Committee considered that September 2010 was too late in the programme to consider 'planning committee arrangements' and requested that it be brought forward to the July meeting.

Due to the number of items listed for June the Committee requested that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman consider moving some of the items listed to an extra meeting in May/June.

RESOLVED: That

- 1. the Chairman and Vice-Chairman consider moving a number of items listed for 7 June for consideration at an extra meeting during May/June;**
- 2. the item 'Planning Committee Arrangement', so far as they relate to the remit of this committee, be brought forward for consideration at the 13 July 2010 meeting; and;**
- 3. the revised work programme be recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval.**

The meeting ended at 11.37 am

CHAIRMAN

MEETING:	ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	7 JUNE 2010
TITLE OF REPORT:	ANNUAL REPORT BY CABINET MEMBER HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
REPORT BY:	Councillor DB Wilcox (Cabinet Member Highways and Transportation)

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Ward

County wide.

Purpose

To receive a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation reviewing past performance, identifying key issues and commenting on future plans in relation to the Highways and Transportation portfolio.

Introduction and Background

- 1 At the June meeting each year the Committee invites the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation to specifically address the Committee on past performance, current key issues and outline priorities for the Service for the coming 12 months.
- 2 While discussion at the Committee meeting may range across the whole programme area the Cabinet Member has indicated that he will be commenting on the following key areas of:

Performance in 2009/10 highlighting:

Road Safety Improvements,
Increasing sustainable transport usage,
Response to winter conditions.

Issues for 2010/11:

Preparation of the Local Transport Plan for 2011 to 2016,
Hereford Relief Road,
Road safety area based grant investment,
Focus on maintenance and repairs resulting from winter 2010.

Recommendation

THAT: subject to any comments the Committee may wish to make the presentation be noted.

MEETING:	ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	7 JUNE 2010
TITLE OF REPORT:	ANNUAL REPORT BY CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC HOUSING
REPORT BY:	Councillor JG Jarvis (Cabinet Member Environment and Strategic Housing)

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Ward

County wide.

Purpose

To receive a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Strategic Housing reviewing past performance, identifying key issues and commenting on future plans in relation to the Environment portfolio.

Introduction and Background

- 1 At the June meeting each year the Committee invites the Cabinet Member for Environment and Strategic Housing to specifically address the Committee on past performance, current key issues and outline priorities for the Service for the coming 12 months in relation to the Environment portfolio.
- 2 While discussion at the Committee meeting may range across the whole programme area the Cabinet Member has indicated that he will be commenting on the following key areas of:
 - the current planning system and way forward with the Local Development Framework,
 - Eco-schools and plans for carbon reduction,
 - community protection team enforcement activity,
 - implementation of Civica,
 - the new waste management contract and the proposed energy from waste plant.

Recommendation

THAT: subject to any comments the Committee may wish to make the presentation be noted.



MEETING:	ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	7 JUNE 2010
TITLE OF REPORT:	WORK PROGRAMME
REPORT BY:	Democratic Services Officer

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

To consider the Committee's work programme.

Recommendation

THAT subject to any comment or issues raised by the Committee the Committee work programme be recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval.

Introduction and Background

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for overseeing, co-ordinating and approving the work programme of the Committee, and is required to periodically review the scrutiny committees work programmes to ensure that overview and scrutiny is effective, that there is an efficient use of scrutiny resources and that potential duplication of effort by scrutiny members is minimised.
2. The work programme, set out at Appendix 1, may be modified by the Chairman following consultation with the Vice-Chairman and the Directors in response to changing circumstances.
3. Should any urgent, prominent or high profile issue arise, the Chairman may consider calling an additional meeting to consider that issue.
4. Should Members become aware of any issues they consider may be added to the scrutiny programme they should contact the Democratic Services Officer to log the issue so that it may be taken into consideration by the Chairman when planning future agendas or when revising the work programme.
5. To enable the Committee to track the result of previous recommendations Appendix 2 is attached for information only. Where possible this includes a comment by the relevant officer on the current position concerning the issue at the time of going to print.

Background Papers

- None identified.

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

For consideration by Committee 7 June 2010

<u>Monday 28 June 2010 at 5.00pm at Brockington</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Planned Carbon Reduction Actions – in relation to both Council and Countywide. • Whether school travel plans are contributing to meeting environmental targets. • Proposed Strategy for the Management of the Council Vehicle Fleet. • Capital Budget Monitoring • Revenue Budget Monitoring. • Report on Performance Indicators. • Committee Work Programme

Tuesday 2.00pm 13 July 2010 Brockington	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Herefordshire Local Access Forum – presentation on their work and questioning by the Committee. • A Review of the Public Rights of Way Service Performance and Outcomes. – (to inform of the scope of the rights of way service, clarify Amey and Council roles, outcomes and progress towards those outcomes. The report will also set out to address or clarify some of the regular rights of way related queries raised.) • Performance in relation to planning applications and enforcement. • Committee Work Programme

9.30am 13 September 2010	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Environmental Management (GEM) – end of year performance report. • ** Consideration of the draft LTP3 (provisional item) • Progress report on actions following the Scrutiny Review of On-Street Parking. • Safer Roads Partnership – Update by Council's Member on SRP Board. • Capital Budget Monitoring • Revenue Budget Monitoring. • Report on Performance Indicators. • Committee Work Programme

9.30am 26 November 2010	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further update on the Review of the Travellers' Policy • Capital Budget Monitoring • Revenue Budget Monitoring. • Report on Performance Indicators. • Committee Work Programme

9.30am 28 February 2011	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Budget Monitoring • Revenue Budget Monitoring. • Report on Performance Indicators. • Committee Work Programme

Items for consideration as the programme is further developed:

- The effect on Herefordshire of changes to the Single Farm Payments system (e.g. hedge cutting, drainage ditch clearance)
- Any specific issues arising from Council Strategies or Plans.
- **Contribute to policy development of LTP3. Draft timetable for the policy review indicates this could come to scrutiny in September 2010.
- Consideration of revised/reviewed Flood Defence Policy.
- Consider inviting the Environment Agency to discuss the environmental impact, of the Open Windrow Greenwaste composting facility at Morton-on-Lugg. (Minute 60 – Committee work programme and Minute 64)
- Colwall Railway Bridge – review any traffic/pedestrian safety issues arising (see Minute 65 of 20.4.09)

Provided for the Committee's information only and not debate.

Progress in response to recommendations made and issues requiring action raised by the Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Committee date: 22 March 2010

SUSTAINABILITY AND PROPERTY PROCUREMENT	
Recommendations	Response/Action
That the report be noted and a Member Briefing note be provided setting out how local contractors were being informed of the details needed when tendering for contracts	Requested Member Briefing note has been despatched with this agenda.

47. ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT OF STAFF AND MEMBER TRAVEL TO WORK ARRANGEMENTS	
Recommendations	Response/Action
A demonstration of E-Motion electric bike be arranged for Members	The Integrated Transportation Team are co-ordinating this and a demonstration may be available during the "Change your World Week" (28 June to 2 nd July)
Members be informed by Briefing Note when the Councils new Travel Plan is in place	This wont be available until the planning application has been submitted - and may not be actually "in place" until the new build is complete. (Plough Lane)

Committee Date: 26 March 2010

PROGRESS REPORT ON COMMUNITY PROTECTION TEAM	
Recommendations	Response/Action
further consideration be given by the Director to amending the job title/ job description to reflect the closer working between Civil Enforcement Officers and the Community Protection Team	A revised Job description has been written and evaluated. Further work has to be undertaken on the practicalities of enabling this, not least the legal issues around Civil Enforcement Officers enforcing criminal offences.
the Assistant Director of Environment and Culture be urged to remind the West Mercia Police of their previous commitment to authorise Community Support Officers in issuing low level enforcement notices	The Acting Regulatory Services Manager (S. Hancock) has written to the Chief Constable on this matter – a response is awaited.

the Committee recommend that closer liaison be entered into with Town and Parish Councils in investigating whether they can further support the placement of litter bins thereby supporting the work being undertaken	The process is to ask Amey Herefordshire who are empowered to deal based on the merits of the request and the available resources. They need not come to HC for approval as such, but they do on occasion seek advice. This approach enables Amey Herefordshire to best 'balance' the available resources to achieve the overall objective of a cleaner county.
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Committee date: 19 April 2010

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS	
Recommendations	Response/Action
That the report be noted and appreciating the pressures on the Highways Service the Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation) be urged to make every effort to address the highway maintenance backlog situation in next year's budget.	The Director of Regeneration will raise this with the Cabinet Member.
The Committee requested that a briefing note be prepared updating on progress with Highway Maintenance	The full programme of highways works has been prepared with Amey Herefordshire and this is being circulated to all Members for information and inviting their views on the works that need to be included in the future programme. Progress is to programme, as such we are on track to achieve the performance standards reported to the Environment Scrutiny Committee.

STREET SCENE – CLEANLINESS AND FOOTWAY CONDITION	
Recommendations	Response/Action
the member briefing note requested at the 26 March 2010 meeting concerning the remit and powers of the Community Protection Team be forwarded electronically to all Parish Councils for information	Member Briefing note has been forwarded to Members and copied to Parish Councils for information.
in view of the Total Place initiative Council departments and partner organisations be urged to work even closer together to tackle environmental crime (litter, detritus, graffiti & fly posting)	The Director of Regeneration asked for this to be addressed by a short article in the next 'Services Update' – a draft article was forwarded to the Director on 6 May for approval by the Director.
parish councils be informed of the financial cost to the Herefordshire tax payer of environmental crime	Information included in briefing note (1 above)

<p>it is recommended that the Highway Service requests Public Relations to have a regular article in Herefordshire Matters highlighting the cost and implications of environmental crime in the County.</p>	<p>Articles have been prepared for Herefordshire Matters and regular space in this publication is being secured.</p>								
<p>Member briefing note requested providing a break down of the budget for Street Cleaning</p>	<p>The street Cleaning Budget for the County is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="715 421 1305 548"> <tr> <td>T7595</td> <td>1030</td> <td>Street Cleansing - High Town Janitor</td> <td>55,532</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T7595</td> <td>4553</td> <td>Street Cleansing - routine</td> <td>1,189,617</td> </tr> </table> <p>Amey Herefordshire are achieving the following performance standards (against NI195) for the County as a whole within the above operational budgets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter 5% • Detritus 9% • Graffiti 1% • Fly posting 1% 	T7595	1030	Street Cleansing - High Town Janitor	55,532	T7595	4553	Street Cleansing - routine	1,189,617
T7595	1030	Street Cleansing - High Town Janitor	55,532						
T7595	4553	Street Cleansing - routine	1,189,617						

REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION – STREET LIGHTING

Recommendations	Response/Action
<p>that the report be noted and greater detail on how a reduction in street lighting energy consumption would contribute to the Council's overall Carbon Management reductions be reported as part of the Carbon Management report to June 2010 meeting</p>	<p>Detail on this will be provided as part of the Carbon Report to the next meeting</p>

WORK PROGRAMME

Recommendations	Response/Action
<p>the Chairman and Vice-Chairman consider moving a number of items listed for 7 June for consideration at an extra meeting during May/June</p>	<p>Now reflected in the committee work programme</p>
<p>the item 'Planning Committee Arrangement' be brought forward for consideration at the 13 July 2010 meeting;</p>	<p>Now reflected in the Committee work programme.</p>

