

# AGENDA

## Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 28 February 2011**

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Time: **9.30 am**

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

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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**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Councillor RI Matthews</b>
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>Councillor PJ Watts</b>
	<b>Councillor WU Attfield</b>
	<b>Councillor CM Bartrum</b>
	<b>Councillor GFM Dawe</b>
	<b>Councillor DW Greenow</b>
	<b>Councillor JW Hope MBE</b>
	<b>Councillor TW Hunt</b>
	<b>Councillor PM Morgan</b>
	<b>Councillor A Seldon</b>
	<b>Councillor NL Vaughan</b>

## **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.

## AGENDA

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)</b> To receive details any details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.	
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
4.	<b>MINUTES</b> To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2010.	1 - 12
5.	<b>SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY</b> To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.	
6.	<b>UPDATE ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY</b> To provide an update on progress and issues set out in the Public Rights of Way report considered by Environment Scrutiny Committee on 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2010.	13 - 24
7.	<b>ROAD OVER RAIL BRIDGES</b> To inform the Committee on the number and condition of road over rail bridges, the responsibilities for maintenance, and the means of determining that maintenance.	25 - 30
8.	<b>PRELIMINARY FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT</b>  To:  Introduce the requirements of the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 in regard to the development of a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Herefordshire; and in particular the requirement for Herefordshire council as the Lead Local Flood Authority to prepare a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment.  To seek the Committee's views on the modification of the indicative national assessment of flood risk in Herefordshire; and  To seek the Committee's guidance on the local significance of the criteria used in the preparation of the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Report, and in the subsequent development of Herefordshire's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.	31 - 38

9.	<b>INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING FOR FLOODING IN HEREFORDSHIRE</b>	39 - 44
	To brief and provide information to the Committee on the Herefordshire Multi-Agency Flood Plan (MAFP) and the development of a Generic Reservoir Inundation Off-site Plan. Furthermore, to draw the committee's attention to the ongoing work programme that will enhance and develop our emergency preparedness for flooding; acknowledging the resources being committed by the Joint Emergency Planning Unit (JEPU).	
10.	<b>UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED HEREFORD TRANSPORT HUB</b>	45 - 50
	To update the Committee on progress in respect of the Transport Hub concept being explored by Hereford Futures in association with the redevelopment within the Edgar Street Grid area of Hereford.	
11.	<b>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING</b>	51 - 54
	To advise Scrutiny Committee on progress of the 2010/11 Environment Capital Programme within the overall context of the Council's Capital Programme.	
12.	<b>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING</b>	55 - 60
	To advise members of the Environment Committee of the financial position for the Environment budgets for the six months to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2010. The report lists the variations against budget at this stage in the year and the projected outturn for the year.	
13.	<b>ENVIRONMENT PERFORMANCE UP TO DECEMBER 2010</b>	61 - 68
	To report on the current outturns and progress against the actions for key national performance indicator targets for Environment Scrutiny Committee up to December 2010.	
14.	<b>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</b>	69 - 74
	To consider the Committee work programme.	