

AGENDA

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Monday 18 October 2010

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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership

Chairman Councillor PJ Edwards Vice-Chairman Councillor WLS Bowen

Councillor PA Andrews
Councillor ME Cooper
Councillor AE Gray
Councillor KG Grumbley
Councillor TM James
Councillor RI Matthews
Councillor PM Morgan
Councillor AT Oliver
Councillor PJ Watts

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.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
3.	MINUTES	1 - 8
	To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2010.	
4.	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.	
5 .	LEADER'S REPORT	9 - 14
	To receive a report from the Leader of the Council identifying key issues from the last six months.	
6.	SHARED SERVICES	15 - 16
	To provide information and obtain comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be fed back to Cabinet by the Chairman at the Cabinet meeting on 21 October 2010.	
7.	INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES UPDATE	17 - 20
	To provide a further progress report on Information Communication and Technology (ICT) service issues requested following the scrutiny review of ICT and subsequent updates.	
8.	PROJECT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT/FINANCIAL CONTROL OF CAPITAL SCHEMES	21 - 24
	To advise Members on the project management and financial controls in place for Capital Schemes.	
9.	WORK PROGRAMME	25 - 30
	To consider the Committee's work programme.	
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