

# AGENDA

## Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 19 April 2010**

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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 CM Bartrum</b>
	<b>Councillor WLS Bowen</b>
	<b>Councillor DW Greenow</b>
	<b>Councillor JW Hope MBE</b>
	<b>Councillor MAF Hubbard</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.

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<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive apologies for absence.	
<b>2. 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.	
<b>3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
<b>4. MINUTES</b> To approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 22March and 26 March 2010.	1 - 14
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<b>6. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS - UPDATE</b> 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	15 - 18
<b>7. STREET SCENE - CLEANLINESS AND FOOTWAY CONDITION</b> To report on the current street cleansing standards and the plans that are 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.	19 - 22
<b>8. REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION - STREET LIGHTING - FURTHER UPDATE</b> To update the Committee on the progress made by the highway service in reducing the energy consumed and carbon dioxide generated through street lighting.	23 - 32
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