

AGENDA

Environment Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Tuesday 13 July 2010**

Time: **2.00 pm**

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 Environment Scrutiny Committee

Membership

Chairman	Councillor RI Matthews
Vice-Chairman	Councillor PJ Watts
	Councillor WU Attfield
	Councillor CM Bartrum
	Councillor DJ Benjamin
	Councillor DW Greenow
	Councillor JW Hope MBE
	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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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
To receive apologies for absence.	
2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)	
To receive details any details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
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. THE HEREFORDSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM	1 - 12
To inform the Committee of the work of the Herefordshire Local Access Forum.	
6. A REVIEW OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY SERVICE PERFORMANCE AND OUTCOMES	13 - 42
To inform of the scope of the key areas of the rights of way service, clarify Amey and Council roles, outcomes and progress towards those outcomes. The report also sets out to address or clarify some of the regular rights of way related queries raised by members of the public, including the relationship between the List of Streets and the definitive map.	
7. UPDATE ON OPERATION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE AND ENFORCEMENT FUNCTION	43 - 48
To update the Committee on progress of both the single Planning Committee and the enforcement function.	
8. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	49 - 52
To Consider the Committee work programme.	