

TITLE OF REVIEW:	Review of Support for Volunteering
Committee:	Scrutiny Committee

SCOPING

Reason for Enquiry
To gauge an understanding of volunteering, its value and the impact it can have in supporting Herefordshire as a thriving County.

Links to the Community Strategy
The review contributes to the following objectives contained in the Herefordshire Community Strategy, including the Council's Corporate Plan and other key plans or strategies: LAA and national indicator NI 6 – participation in volunteering. Stronger Communities priority.

Summary of Review and Terms of Reference
<p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To look at ways of increasing the results of the LAA performance indicator “participation of regular volunteering”. <p>Terms of Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct interviews that help gauge an understanding of why supporting volunteering in the county To understand the organisations and groups involved in volunteering To look at ways of enabling more volunteering to take place

What will NOT be included
Issues not concerned with volunteering.

Potential outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the value of volunteering. To assess the current support for volunteering in Herefordshire. To understand the views and aspirations of partners in increasing volunteering in the county. To make recommendations to improve the results on the performance indicator considering budget constraints.

Key questions

- Why is it important for people to volunteer? Why do people volunteer?
- How can volunteering impact on community delivery of services?
- Which organisations are involved in supporting volunteering, how are they funded and what do they deliver?
- How do those organisations work with Herefordshire Council?
- What intervention activity can take place to increase volunteering?

Cabinet Member (s)

Economic Development and Community Services

Key Stakeholders/Consultees

Herefordshire Voluntary Action
Community First
HALC
Regeneration Officers within Herefordshire Council
Volunteers

Potential Witnesses

As above.

Research Required

Quality of volunteering background papers.

Potential Visits

Not relevant.

Publicity Requirements

Notification of review
Publication of the Review and its recommendations
Herefordshire Matters

Timetable	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Timescale</i>
Confirm approach, programme of consultation/research/provisional witnesses/meeting dates (and proposed topic)	First meeting of the Review Group. January 2010
Collect current available data	February 2010
Collect outstanding data	February 2010
Analysis of data	March 2010
Final confirmation of interviews of witnesses	February 2010
Carry out programme of interviews	Early March 2010
Agree programme of site visits	n/a
Undertake site visits as appropriate	n/a
Present interim report to relevant scrutiny Committee, if appropriate.	End of March 2010
Final analysis of data and witness evidence	End of March 2010
Prepare options/recommendations	End of March 2010
Present Final report to Relevant Scrutiny Committee	April 2010
Present options/recommendations to Cabinet (or Cabinet member (s))	May 2010
Cabinet/Cabinet Member (s) response	June 2010
Implementation of agreed recommendations	July 2010
Members	Support Officers
Councillors: (Chairman of Review Group) Additional members of the Review Group	Lead Support Officer (Independent of the Service being Reviewed) – to be confirmed Democratic Services Representative(s) – David Penrose Other support Officers