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Progress in response to recommendations made and issues requiring action raised by the Environment Scrutiny Committee.

**Committee date: 7 June 2010**

<b>Minute No. 78 ANNUAL REPORT BY CABINET MEMBER ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC HOUSING</b>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Response/Action</b>
<b>3) it be noted that the Head of Planning and Transportation intends to hold a work shop for all members on the theme of planning enforcement and will include reference to the 'planning tool kit;</b>	The format of the workshop will seek to reflect that on the very successful seminar on Ecology & Planning, however, at the time of going to print no date has been fixed.

**Committee date: 28 June 2010**

<b>Climate Change and Carbon Reduction</b>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Response/Action</b>
<b>all Directorates make every effort to establish accurate baseline data to ensure that true carbon savings are achieved;</b>	Baselines are being set through the challenge procedure as part of the Local Authority Carbon Reduction process with the Carbon Trust.
<b>The committee supports an all member work shop on the carbon reduction plan and how through the plan financial saving can also be made.</b>	A member workshop/seminar has been arranged for 11 October 2010. Members have been sent details.

<b>School Travel Plans</b>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Response/Action</b>
<b>A member briefing note be produced setting out the position concerning how the three Herefordshire Colleges were complying with the planning conditions in relation to travel plans;</b>	Information awaited from planning.
<b>new build school schemes incorporate lessons learned from previous schemes e.g. Riverside, on designing in the best and safest routes to school for pupils thereby encouraging walking and cycling;</b>	Safer routes for school is, and will continue to be, taken into account at the design stage. Where practicable the recommendations are incorporated.
<b>Officers investigate whether the school mini bus fleet is fully utilised; and</b>	Information is being sought from Children's Services and will be forwarded to Members in due course.

<p><b>the Assistant Director, Highways Transport and Community Services is requested to write to chair's of school governors to remind them of the importance school travel plans have in contributing to carbon reductions in the County</b></p>	<p>A letter will be circulated in the new school term to coincide with the refresh and review of school travel plans.</p>
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<p align="center"><b>Council Vehicle Fleet</b></p>	
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p>	<p><b>Response/Action</b></p>
<p><b>A further update report be presented to the November 2010 committee to include an indication of possible cost and CO2 savings.</b></p>	<p>This has been logged in the work programme for 26 November 2010.</p>

**Committee date: 13 July 2010**

<p align="center"><b>Review the Rights of Way Service performance and outcomes</b></p>	
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p>	<p><b>Response/Action</b></p>
<p><b>the list of suggested issues for scrutiny submitted by Mr McKay be forwarded to officers. Following consideration of the officer's response the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to decide whether any issue(s) should be brought to Committee for consideration as part of the Committee work programme</b></p>	<p>The list has been submitted to the Herefordshire Local Access Forum for their consideration as part of their work programme. It is suggested that it would be more appropriate for items on the list to be considered by officers and the Herefordshire Local Access Forum.</p>
<p><b>the Parks, Countryside &amp; Leisure Officer investigate the possibility of obtaining funding from other 'partners' who benefit from the public using the rights of way network e.g. NHS, tourism;</b></p>	<p>No progress has been made to date.</p>
<p><b>further consideration be given to how the public are informed about route closures, particularly major tourist routes, on the PROW network; consideration be given to approaching the NFU to urge them to remind their members of their responsibilities concerning any Public Right of Way over their property;</b></p>	<p>All path closures are now on the web site.</p>

<p><b>should the Herefordshire Local Access Forum extend an invitation to Herefordshire Council to meet with the Minister and MPs to discuss PROW issues, the Executive be requested that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be invited to represent the views of the Committee.</b></p>	<p>At the time of writing no confirmation of a meeting date has been received.</p>
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<p><b>Update on the operation of the Planning Committee and Enforcement Function</b></p>	
<p><b>Recommendations</b></p>	<p><b>Response/Action</b></p>
<p><b>That the report be noted and a Member briefing note be provided on the work of the Section 106 officer together with progress on implementing and monitoring agreements.</b></p>	<p>A Member briefing note is in the final stages of being written and will be forwarded to members in due course.</p>