

## Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2022-2023

Agreed by the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Agenda item	Cabinet Member/s	Officers	External Witnesses
<p><b>Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2022-2023</b> To agree the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2022-2023.</p>	<p>Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment</p>	
<p><b>Restoration of the River Wye – Options for Public Inquiry and Policy Review</b> To consider the options being considered for Public Inquiry and Policy Review on the Restoration of the River Wye.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022</i> <i>Report deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022</i></p>	<p>Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Mark Averill, - Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste</p> <p>Rachael Joy - Interim Delivery Director Waste Transformation</p>	

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**Wednesday 21st September 2022**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Cabinet Member/s</b>	<b>Officers</b>	<b>External Witnesses</b>
<p><b>The Herefordshire Local Plan</b>            To consider the Herefordshire Local Plan 2021- 2041, which includes the planning framework for the county, housing provision, the economy, retail and town centres, infrastructure provision and the environment.</p> <p>Specifically to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Does the preferred spatial option lead to sustainable communities, including promoting active travel and reducing car journeys?</li> <li>b) Is the rural assessment scoring system used for allocating housing development across rural wards robust and supported by evidence?</li> <li>c) To consider the analysis of the public consultation on the Local Plan and the mechanism by which the consultation was undertaken.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-1">www.herefordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-1</a></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022</i>  <i>Report deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022</i></p>	<p>Councillor Liz Harvey            Finance - Corporate Services and Planning</p> <p>Councillor Ellie Chowns - Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p> <p>Councillor John Harrington - Infrastructure and Transport</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Tracey Coleman – Service Director, Planning and Regulatory</p>	
<p><b>Restoration of the River Wye – Options for Public Inquiry and Policy Review</b></p>	<p>Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate</p>	

<p>To consider the options being considered for Public Inquiry and Policy Review on the Restoration of the River Wye.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022</i> <i>Report deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022</i></p>	<p>Member for Environment and Economy</p>	<p>Director, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Mark Averill, - Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste</p> <p>Rachael Joy - Interim Delivery Director Waste Transformation &amp; Wetland Project</p>	
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~~Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022~~ Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Agenda item	Cabinet Member/s	Officers	External Witnesses
<p><b>The Herefordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy</b> To consider the Herefordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, flood planning and resilience. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What the Council and its statutory partners are doing to manage flood risk in the county.</li> <li>• Is there a resilience plan in place covering HCC assets and infrastructure and enabling residents and businesses to adapt to future extreme weather events?</li> <li>• Consideration of the wider emergency planning for drought and fire, in conjunction to flooding.</li> </ul>	<p>Councillor John Harrington - Infrastructure and Transport</p> <p>Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Mark Averill, - Interim Service Director Environment,</p>	<p>Welsh Water</p> <p>Severn Trent Water</p> <p>The Environment Agency</p> <p>Internal Drainage Boards:</p>

<p><i>Note:</i> Herefordshire Council is a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and it has the lead role in managing flood risk from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses across the county. As part of this role it must develop, maintain, apply and monitor a local flood risk management strategy. This is an important document for the on-going management of flood risk throughout the county. The strategy sets out the framework for how the council will work with other local flood risk management authorities and the general public to better understand and manage existing and future flood risks from all potential sources of flooding.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022</i> <i>Report deadline: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022</i></p>		<p>Highways and Waste</p> <p>Rachael Joy - Interim Delivery Director Waste Transformation &amp; Wetland Project</p>	<p>The River Lugg IDB The Lower Severn IDB</p> <p>Joel Hockenull - Senior Drainage Engineer, Balfour Beatty Living Places</p> <p>Chief Fire Officer Jonathon Pryce - Herefordshire and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority</p> <p>Parish Councils</p>
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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Agenda item	Cabinet Member/s	Officers	External Witnesses
<p><b>Waste and Recycling</b> To consider waste disposal, (waste and recycling), including the new waste collection contract and procurement. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there sufficient resource being deployed to encourage residents and businesses to reduce waste (particularly food) through education and engagement with manufacturers, retailers and public institutions, such as schools?</li> </ul>	<p>Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p> <p>Councillor Gemma Davies -</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Mark Averill, - Interim Service</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is our waste disposal strategy and new contract going to ensure we meet our targets to reduce waste to landfill to 1% and to ensure that recycled material is recycled?</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</i> <i>Report deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023</i></p>	<p>Commissioning, Procurement and Assets</p>	<p>Director Environment, Highways and Waste</p> <p>Rachael Joy - Interim Delivery Director Waste Transformation &amp; Wetland Project</p> <p>Ben Boswell - Head of Environment Climate Emergency and Waste Services</p>	
<p><b>Review of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Review Scrutiny Report and Recommendations</b></p> <p>To review the implementation of the Executive Response to the Climate and Ecological Emergency Review Scrutiny Report and Recommendations carried out in 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</i> <i>Report deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023</i></p>	<p>Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment</p> <p>Mark Averill, - Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste</p>	

~~Wednesday 8th March 2023~~ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Agenda item	Cabinet Member/s	Officers	External Witnesses
<p><b>Herefordshire Farming</b>            To consider the farming industry in Herefordshire. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What plans are in place to promote improved agricultural practices and the planting of buffer vegetation, including trees and hedgerows to reduce the risk of flooding and meet our biodiversity gain requirements?</li> <li>• What plans are in place to promote better land use, including increasing local food production and sufficiency?</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023</i>  <i>Report deadline: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023</i></p>	<p>Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p> <p>Councillor Liz Harvey Finance - Corporate Services and Planning</p> <p>Councillor John Harrington - Infrastructure and Transport</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment</p>	<p>Farm Herefordshire - Farm Herefordshire is a group of organisations that have formed a collaborative partnership to support farming in Herefordshire through the promotion of good practice, training and advice.</p> <p><a href="http://www.farmherefordshire.co.uk">Farm Herefordshire   The Wye and Usk Foundation (wyeuskfoundation.org)</a></p>
<p><b>Phosphates Commission - Restoring the River Wye</b>            To consider the progress of the Council's Phosphates Commission - Restoring the River Wye, to consider ways to improve the environmental impact of phosphates pollution and the restoration of the River Wye.</p>	<p>Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment</p>	

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**Reserve Items**

**Energy Security**

In the push for increasing renewables, eg solar farms, are we allowing for the impact on increasing the risk of flooding?  
 Will the policies and the additional development in the emerging revised local plan exacerbate energy security and how are we going to mitigate that risk through renewables generated locally?

**The Green Economy**

To consider how Herefordshire Council promotes, develops and supports the green economy.

**Economy and Environment Organisation and Objectives**

To consider the extent to which the Economy and Environment organisational arrangements are configured to deliver the environment and sustainability objectives set out in the County Plan.