

Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2022-2023

Agreed by the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee on 26th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Agenda item	Cabinet Member/s	Officers	External Witnesses
<p>Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2022-2023 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>Restoration of the River Wye – Options for Public Inquiry and Policy Review 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: 13th July 2022</i> <i>Report deadline: 18th 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

Agenda item	Cabinet Member/s	Officers	External Witnesses
<p>The Herefordshire Local Plan 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"> a) Does the preferred spatial option lead to sustainable communities, including promoting active travel and reducing car journeys? b) Is the rural assessment scoring system used for allocating housing development across rural wards robust and supported by evidence? c) To consider the analysis of the public consultation on the Local Plan and the mechanism by which the consultation was undertaken. <p>www.herefordshire.gov.uk/local-plan-1</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 7th September 2022</i> <i>Report deadline: 9th 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>	
Restoration of the River Wye – Options for Public Inquiry and Policy Review	Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet	Ross Cook - Corporate	

<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: 7th September 2022</i> <i>Report deadline: 9th 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 & Wetland Project</p>	
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Friday 18th November 2022

Agenda item	Cabinet Member/s	Officers	External Witnesses
<p>The Herefordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy To consider the Herefordshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, flood planning and resilience. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the Council and its statutory partners are doing to manage flood risk in the county. • Is there a resilience plan in place covering HCC assets and infrastructure and enabling residents and businesses to adapt to future extreme weather events? • Consideration of the wider emergency planning for drought and fire, in conjunction to flooding. 	<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: 2nd November 2022</i> <i>Report deadline: 4th November 2022</i></p>		<p>Highways and Waste</p> <p>Rachael Joy - Interim Delivery Director Waste Transformation & 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 19th January 2023

Agenda item	Cabinet Member/s	Officers	External Witnesses
<p>Waste and Recycling To review the Waste Strategy and associated Contracts To cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the timeline and key changes that the incoming waste collection strategy will bring in, including the resources that will be deployed 	<p>Councillor Gemma Davies - Commissioning, Procurement and Assets</p>	<p>Ross Cook - Corporate Director, Economy and Environment</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what the current disposal waste contract covers, changes in the parameters and aims for the new contract and the timeline for letting it. • how our waste strategy and contracts (collection and recovery/disposal) will meet the aims of the waste hierarchy, support our environmental goals, help build a circular economy and contribute to adding social value. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 4th January 2023</i> <i>Report deadline: 6th January 2023</i></p>	<p>Councillor Ellie Chowns Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy</p>	<p>Mark Averill, - Interim Service Director Environment, Highways and Waste</p> <p>Rachael Joy - Interim Delivery Director Waste Transformation & Wetland Project</p> <p>Ben Boswell - Head of Environment Climate Emergency and Waste Services</p>	
<p>Review of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Review Scrutiny Report and Recommendations</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: 4th January 2023</i> <i>Report deadline: 6th 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,</p>	

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Friday 10th March 2023

Agenda item	Cabinet Member/s	Officers	External Witnesses
<p>Herefordshire Farming To consider the farming industry in Herefordshire. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? • What plans are in place to promote better land use, including increasing local food production and sufficiency? <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Deadline for draft reports: 22nd February 2023</i> <i>Report deadline: 24th 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>{Name} - Corporate Head of {Department}</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>Farm Herefordshire The Wye and Usk Foundation (wyeuskfoundation.org)</p>

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.