

Scrutiny Management Board

Herefordshire Council Plan task and finish group

Terms of Reference

Background

The County Plan 2020-24, alongside the Medium Term Financial Strategy, provides the overarching policy framework within which decisions will be taken and resources allocated over the next four years. The County Plan 2020-24 was developed through a process of engagement and consultation with the public and key stakeholders and was agreed at Council on 14 February 2020. It sets out the key strategic ambitions for the county and the success measures which will be used to monitor progress.

The Delivery Plan identifies the key programmes of work that will progress the ambitions within the County Plan, set against the ambitions of Economy, Community and Environment. Each of the projects and deliverables contributes to one, if not more of the objectives set in the County Plan.

Herefordshire Council is currently writing a new County Plan, now called the Herefordshire Council Plan, to cover the period 2024-28. The plan is scheduled to be agreed at the annual meeting of Council on 24 May 2024.

At its meeting on 21 November 2023, Scrutiny Management Board agreed “[t]hat a Task and Finish Group be convened to provide views and recommendations on the draft County Plan as it continues to develop, with terms of reference to be drafted for approval by the board.” This terms of reference outlines the planned work to meet this committee resolution.

Objectives

The objectives of the proposed group are to:

- appraise the draft 2024-28 Herefordshire Council Plan;
- consider impact of changed and new corporate priorities w.r.t. 2020-2024 County Plan, and any continuity issues;
- Consider the balance of proposed corporate priorities w.r.t. identified strategic needs and opportunities for the county
- Consider whether the success measures suggested for the Delivery Plan 2024-2025 align to Herefordshire Council Plan priorities and ambitions.

Membership

The group will be open to every elected member of Herefordshire Council.

Programme of work

The group will meet three times, either online or in person. It will then report back to Scrutiny Management Board at its May meeting, date to be agreed.

Scrutiny Management Board - agree terms of reference	19 March 2024
Meeting 1 Outcomes of 2020-2024 County Plan	April 2024 date TBC
Meeting 2 Success measures of plan Herefordshire Council Plan engagement and consultation process	April 2024 date TBC
Scrutiny Management Board - agree task and finish group report and recommendations	14 May 2024
Scrutiny Management Board report to Council	24 May 2024
Meeting 3 Scrutinise Draft Delivery Plan	September 2024 date TBC
Scrutiny Management Board - agree Delivery Plan report and recommendations	10 September 2024