

22 July 2024, agenda publication 12 July 2024

Topic and Objectives	Evidence required	Attendees*
<p>Public Rights of Way and Greenway Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understand the size of the network of public rights of way in Herefordshire ○ Account for the current state of repair of the network ○ Explore the current and proposed models of management and operational delivery, including the role of public path partnership. Include the HLAF (Herefordshire Local Access Forum) ○ To explore opportunities to develop greenways through the county. 	<p>Public Rights of Way and Greenway Policy Report</p>	<p>Public Rights of Way Team Parish Path Partnership members Parish rep from an area affected by Greenway Proposals Greenway Policy Lead HLAF Rep</p>
<p>Work programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review work programme 	<p>Draft work programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statutory Scrutiny Officer

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<p>Active travel measures including road safety for all users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explore where the Council is on implementation of active travel measures across the County. ○ Explore the County policy on implementing active travel measures where new road build is being proposed. ○ Explore the benefits and challenges of speed limits and other road safety measures on roads around key buildings such as schools and hospitals and residential roads in Herefordshire. ○ Consider how the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process can be expedited to ensure parish and town proposals for road safety improvements are implemented in good time. 	<p>Active Travel Measure Policy TRO Policy Home Office research on 20mph limits in local authority areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Herefordshire Council leads on active travel measures and TROs ● West Mercia Police ● Ledbury Cycle Forum Representative
<p>Work programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review work programme 	<p>Draft work programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statutory Scrutiny Officer

18 November 2024, agenda publication 8 November 2024

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Bus service improvement plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scrutinise plans to invest the indicative £1,064,000 allocated to Herefordshire Council by the Department for Transport to improve bus services. 	Funding allocation and proposed improvements to bus services in Herefordshire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Head of Transport and Access Services
Work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review work programme 	Draft work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statutory Scrutiny Officer

20 January 2025, agenda publication 10 January 2025

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Tree and Hedgerow management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understand the findings of the recent Defra consultation on hedgerow management. ○ Scrutinise Council tree and hedgerow management policy and see whether it is fit for purpose for the County and climate change resistant. ○ To consider the County tree strategy as an enabler for Herefordshire to become a carbon offset trading partner with others. ○ Look at County action on ash dieback and replacement. 	Council policy on tree and hedgerow management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Farmers Union ● CPRE (formerly Council for the Protection of Rural England) ● Policy leads on tree and hedgerow management
Work programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review work programme 	Draft work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statutory Scrutiny Officer

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<p>River Lugg water quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investigate work to improve the water quality of the River Lugg and the prospect of getting some of the £35 million for the River Wye improvement diverted to the River Lugg. ○ Understand the implications of poor water quality on the ability to plan and build new housing. ○ Evaluate the progress on developing new wetland areas on river improvement and their impact on housing development. 	<p>5 Years of analysis of water quality data (from NMB or EA). Evidence from Merry Albright (Home Builders Federation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Herefordshire Construction Industry Lobby Group ● Natural England ● Environment Agency ● Natural Resources Wales ● Defra River Wye champion
<p>Energy Efficiency and Retrofitting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understand the outcomes of the building retrofit and supply chain development funded by the Climate Reserve fund. ○ Evaluate progress on ‘Keep Herefordshire Warm’ initiatives. ○ Consider whether new houses and self-build properties are ‘zero carbon ready’. 	<p>Climate Reserve fund financial reports</p> <p>Stats of surveys undertaken, grants awarded and work completed.</p> <p>Future Homes Standard.</p>	<p>Gareth Ellis – Sustainability & Climate Change Officer. Andrew Cooper – LGA, previously Renewable Energy Assoc. Yorkshire Energy Services. Jackie Jones – Building Sense.</p>
<p>Work programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review work programme 	<p>Draft work programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Statutory Scrutiny Officer

*The Corporate Director, Economy and Environment and Cabinet Member, Environment, both have a standing invitation to the meeting.

Long list items

- Energy efficiency sufficiency (including retrofitting, insulation and renewable energy)
- Resourcing towards net zero and environmental priorities
- Electric vehicles and quality of charging points in the county
- Agriculture (as a possible task and finish group)
- Local Plan
 - Biodiversity net gain policy
- Resourcing for the E&E service
- How can we ensure adequate resourcing for the service
- Energy efficiency
 - Home insulation