

# COMMUNITY FORUMS

## PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITY: CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE

CABINET

16TH NOVEMBER, 2006

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### Wards Affected

County-wide

### Purpose

To receive a report on the October 2006 round of Community Forum meetings.

### Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

### Recommendation

**That the report be noted.**

### Reasons

To comply with the agreement that issues raised and discussed at Community Forums should be presented to Cabinet after each round of meetings.

### Considerations

1. A full report of the Forum meetings is set out at Appendix 1. The issues raised provide a useful indicator of local concerns for Cabinet to consider.
2. The Forums were advertised in more than 30 Parish Magazines and in the local press. Colour posters were issued to all Councillors for display in their local area. Letters and agendas were sent to every Parish Clerk explaining the importance of Forums and asking them to inform all Parish Councillors.
3. Attendance was as follows:

Hereford City	9
Central Herefordshire	6
East Herefordshire	9
North Herefordshire	11
Ross-on-Wye	9
Golden Valley	16
4. Total attendance was 60. This compares with total attendance of 60 at the five Forums in July 2006. Average attendance was 10, compared with 12 in July. In July, the highest attendance was 19 at the Golden Valley Forum and the lowest was three at the Ross-on-Wye Forum. In October, the highest attendance was 16 at the Golden Valley Forum, and the lowest was six at the Central Herefordshire Forum.
5. There were 24 feedback sheets completed, representing a 40% response rate. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 was very worthwhile and 1 not worthwhile at all, 88% rated the



Forums very worthwhile or quite worthwhile. This compares with 74% in July and 72% in April.

## **Consultees**

Community Forum Chairmen; Cabinet Members and the Leader of the Council.

