Agenda Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Friday, 20 January 2017, 10.00 am County Hall, Worcester

All County Councillors are invited to attend and participate

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DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests: <u>'Disclosable pecuniary interests'</u> and <u>'other disclosable interests'</u>

WHAT IS A 'DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST' (DPI)?

- Any **employment**, office, trade or vocation carried on for profit or gain
- **Sponsorship** by a 3rd party of your member or election expenses
- Any **contract** for goods, services or works between the Council and you, a firm where you are a partner/director, or company in which you hold shares
- Interests in land in Worcestershire (including licence to occupy for a month or longer)
- **Shares** etc (with either a total nominal value above £25,000 or 1% of the total issued share capital) in companies with a place of business or land in Worcestershire.

NB Your DPIs include the interests of your <u>spouse/partner</u> as well as you

WHAT MUST I DO WITH A DPI?

- Register it within 28 days and
- Declare it where you have a DPI in a matter at a particular meeting
 you must not participate and you must withdraw.
- NB It is a criminal offence to participate in matters in which you have a DPI

WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS'?

- No need to register them but
- You must **declare** them at a particular meeting where: You/your family/person or body with whom you are associated have a **pecuniary interest** in or **close connection** with the matter under discussion.

WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF ANOTHER AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BODY?

You will not normally even need to declare this as an interest. The only exception is where the conflict of interest is so significant it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

DO I HAVE TO WITHDRAW IF I HAVE A DISCLOSABLE INTEREST WHICH ISN'T A DPI?

Not normally. You must withdraw only if it:

- affects your **pecuniary interests OR** relates to a **planning or regulatory** matter
- AND it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

DON'T FORGET

- If you have a disclosable interest at a meeting you must disclose both its existence and nature – 'as noted/recorded' is insufficient
- **Declarations must relate to specific business** on the agenda
 - General scattergun declarations are not needed and achieve little
- Breaches of most of the **DPI provisions** are now **criminal offences** which may be referred to the police which can on conviction by a court lead to fines up to £5,000 and disqualification up to 5 years
- Formal **dispensation** in respect of interests can be sought in appropriate cases.

Simon Mallinson Head of Legal and Democratic Services July 2012 WCC/SPM summary/f



Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel Friday, 20 January 2017, 10.00 am, County Hall, Worcester

Membership

Councillors:

Mr P A Tuthill (Chairman), Mr G J Vickery (Vice Chairman), Mr A T Amos, Mr A A J Adams, Ms P Agar, Mr M E Jenkins, Mr T A Muir, Mr J W R Thomas and Vacancy

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1	Apologies and Welcome	
2	Declarations of Interest and of any Party Whip	
3	Public Participation Members of the public wishing to take part should notify the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in writing or by email indicating the nature and content of their proposed participation no later than 9.00am on the working day before the meeting (in this case 19 January 2017). Enquiries can be made through the telephone number/email address below.	
4	Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting Previously circulated.	
5	Local Transport Plan 2017-2030 (LTP4)	1 - 4

Agenda

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ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 20 JANUARY 2017

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2017-2030 (LTP4)

Summary

1. The Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel is to receive an update on the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Worcestershire, which is currently undergoing public consultation.

2. Representatives involved in the Council's Strategic Infrastructure and Transport Planning have been invited to the meeting, as well as the Cabinet Member responsible for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure.

Background

3. The LTP sets the strategic vision and direction of highways and transportation services. The availability of reliable and efficient transport networks plays a major role in the effectiveness of the Worcestershire economy. Evidence has shown that a good transport network is important in sustaining economic success in modern economies. Where investment in transport infrastructure and services has been inadequate, this has been shown to adversely impact on future growth and competitiveness.

4. As set out in the report to Cabinet on 15 December 2016, the County Council is required to produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP) under the Transport Act 2000. Originally, Local Transport Authorities were required to produce a valid LTP every five years, involving close liaison with the Department for Transport.

5. This requirement was revised under the Local Transport Act 2008, which both enabled local authorities to set the length of their LTP periods, and reduced the involvement of the Department for Transport in the development and delivery process.

6. Worcestershire has had three previous LTPs: LTP1 (2001 to 2006), LTP2 (2006 – 2011) and LTP3 (2011 to date). Since the LTP3 was put together, funding mechanisms, socio-economic aspirations, development growth and the level of evidence available to support investment in schemes have changed. Additionally, many schemes included in the LTP3 have now been delivered or developed since their conception. It is now proposed to revise the LTP3 into the LTP4, to take account of these major changes.

7. Worcestershire's fourth Local Transport Plan is now available for public consultation until 17 March 2017, and is available at:www.worcestershire.gov.uk/LTP

It is anticipated that the final version will be adopted by Council in the summer of 2017.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. An Equality screening exercise has been carried out to identify which of the policies and strategies comprising the LTP are of particular relevance in the lives of people who have one or more relevant Protected Characteristics (such as Age and Disability). This assessment will identify the potential negative impacts on any of the protected groups affected to inform the decision-making and so that any mitigating actions can be taken.

9. Equality impact analysis will be carried out for each of the areas where equality relevance has been rated as either Amber or Red.

10. The Council will ensure that the consultation in respect of the Plan is inclusive and that findings contribute to Equality analysis and any resulting action to mitigate negative impact of proposals. The findings of the Equality analyses will be summarised in the consequent Cabinet report and completed Equality Assessments will be appended to that report.

Purpose of the meeting

11. The Panel is asked to:

- consider and agree any comments on the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4), which will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure, as the Panel's response to the consultation
- agree any further information or scrutiny work required at this time

Supporting Information

 Worcestershire's Local Transport Plan 2017-30 and consultation survey – copies of the draft Plan have been circulated to Panel members. The draft Plan and consultation survey are available on the Council's website at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/LTP

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

 Agenda and Minutes of Cabinet on 15 December 2016 – available on the County Council's website <u>here</u> This page is intentionally left blank