

Agenda

Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday, 8 May 2019, 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:
'Disclosable pecuniary interests' and **'other disclosable interests'**

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 spouse/partner 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.

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Membership

Councillors:

Mr A A J Adams (Chairman), Mr P Denham (Vice Chairman), Mr G R Brookes, Mr B Clayton, Mr M E Jenkins, Mr A D Kent, Mr J A D O'Donnell, Ms C M Stalker and Ms R Vale

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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 7 May 2019). Enquiries can be made through the telephone number/email address below.	
4	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Previously circulated.	
5	Cycling	To follow
6	Progress with Reducing Congestion and How to Improve getting around Worcestershire	To follow
7	Work Programme 2018/19	1 - 6

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WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

Summary

1. From time to time the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel will review its work programme and consider which issues should be investigated as a priority.

Background

2. Worcestershire County Council has a rolling annual Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny. The 2018/19 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2017/18, the views of Overview and Scrutiny Panel Members and the findings of the budget scrutiny process.
3. Suggested issues have been prioritised using scrutiny feasibility criteria in order to ensure that topics are selected subjectively and the 'added value' of a review is considered right from the beginning.
4. The Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel is responsible for scrutiny of:
 - Economy
 - Environment
 - Highways
 - Infrastructure
5. The Panel's remit includes Trading Standards, Public Analyst and Scientific Services, Archives and Archaeology.
6. The Work Programme was agreed by Council on 8 November 2018.

Refresh of the Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20

7. Plans are now being made to refresh the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019/20. Throughout May and June, Members and other stakeholders will be invited to suggest topics for future scrutiny. Following July Panel meetings, informal sessions will be held where Panel Members will be asked to prioritise these suggestions.
8. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board will receive feedback on the Panels' discussions and agree the final scrutiny work programme at its July meeting. Council will be asked to agree the Work Programme in September.

Dates of Future Meetings

- 5 July 2019
- 11 September 2019
- 21 November 2019

Purpose of the Meeting

9. The Panel may like to consider the 2018/19 Work Programme and consider whether it would like to make any amendments. The Panel will wish to retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.

Supporting Information

- Appendix – Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2018/19

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 Council on 8 November 2018 – available on the Council website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of OSPB on 26 September 2018 - available on the Council website [here](#)

2018/19 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME: Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting	Issue for Scrutiny	Date of Last Report	Notes/Follow-up Action
8 May 2019	Delivering for cycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to cycle ways • Progress on schemes delivered 	3 October 2017	Recommendation made to Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board that it should request that a specific amount be included in the 2017/18 financial year for cycling and that a budget for cycleway improvements be ring fenced for future years to ensure continued focus on this.
8 May 2019	Local Transport Plan 4: Congestion and how to improve getting around Worcestershire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progress to date • updates on main projects • priority areas 	20 January 2017	
5 July 2019	Traffic calming – schemes in towns and villages, what's new and how do WCC compare with neighbouring County Councils?		
5 July 2019	Performance and In-year budget monitoring (Q4 – January to March)		
11 September 2019	Economic growth – What is WCC doing to attract new businesses into the area and to help existing businesses invest and grow?		
11 September 2019	Infrastructure for growth – with the growth in new housing, how is WCC building the infrastructure to cope with the growth in demand for its services - (recycling centres, roads, etc)		
11 September 2019	Performance and In-year budget monitoring (Q1 – April to June)		

21 November 2019	Residents zonal parking schemes and additional carparks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What schemes are being looked at? • Can income be generated – how are services such as dropped kerbs marketed? 		
21 November 2019	Broadband Update	14 November 2018	
21 November 2019	Countryside Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the service, resources and issues related to Public Rights of Way • Success of the “Countryside Volunteer Access Groups” and how to promote it 		
21 November 2019	Performance and In-year budget monitoring (Q2 – July to September)		
TBC	Severn Trent Works Teams		
TBC	Visit – Worcestershire Parkway Rail Station		
TBC	Visit - Highways Control Centre – Warndon (coordinates highways issues)		
TBC	Task Group - IT for Economy and Environmental Services – with special emphasis on systems used by Highways/Ringways		
TBC	Task Group - Cycleways		
	Task Group – Residents Parking		
TBC in 2020	Street Lighting – update	7 March 2018 5 March 2019	
Standing Items	Performance Monitoring Budget Scrutiny Process Broadband annual update Flooding annual update		

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