

To all members of the Climate and Biodiversity Sub Committee

The Right Worshipful the Mayor Councillor Kath Hey and Councillors Boulter, Hornsey, Kenyon, Milln, Oliver, Powell and Toynbee.

You are summoned to take part in a meeting of the Climate and Biodiversity Sub Committee to be held on Thursday 21st January 2021 at 6 pm.

Steve Kerry

Town Clerk

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY SUB
COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2021 at 6 PM

This meeting is taking place under the provisions of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 202 Sections Four and Five.

- 1. TO CONFIRM THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUB COMMITTEE ARE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THIS MEETING UNLESS THEY HAVE SENT THEIR APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO APPOINT A CHAIR OF THE SUB COMMITTEE AND, IF REQUIRED, A VICE CHAIR**
The appointment of a Chair is normally the first business at the first meeting of a new committee, but in this case the legal requirement to ensure all members are able to take part is a more recent enactment and therefore takes precedence. Appointing a Vice Chair is optional.
- 3. TO CONFIRM THAT THE PUBLIC ARE ABLE TO VIEW AND HEAR THIS MEETING**
It is incumbent upon the Chair to verify this so it is the first item after they have been appointed.
- 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive any apologies for absence
- 5. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**
To note the appointment of any substitute members
- 6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest under the City Council's Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011.

7. WORKPLAN FOR THE SUB COMMITTEE

At this inaugural meeting it is necessary to resolve what the Sub Committee wishes to focus on. As an aid to discussions some suggestions from Councillor Oliver made during the discussion on forming this group are set out below for comment, amendment, acceptance or rejection as the Committee sees fit. The resolutions taken here will inform the work of the Sub Committee going forward.

- Improving the bio diversity of the existing parks and open spaces
- Increased use of flowers and greenery throughout the city centre
- Pursuit of funding for a renewable solar energy station for the benefit of residents
- Sourcing LED light bulbs at reduced prices for onward donation to people in receipt of benefits to reduce their costs of living
- Installation of separated bins for the collection of recyclable material in street waste

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

To identify items for consideration at future meetings of the Sub Committee.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

To decide how often and on what days the Sub Committee shall meet in future and consider a proposal that meetings are set for Thursday evening when it will not clash with Planning Committee or Youth Council.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm the date of the next meeting.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Hereford City Council has adopted the Code of Conduct of Herefordshire Council pursuant to the Localism Act 2011. In terms of declarations of interest the following principles now apply.

1. The former distinction between prejudicial and personal interests has been replaced, and these terms should no longer be used. They will not be used in minutes.
2. Where a member has registered a financial or “pecuniary” interest in the register of interests held by the Monitoring Officer of Herefordshire Council, they must repeat this declaration when any item in which they have such an interest is on the agenda at any meeting they attend. Having made that declaration, they must fill in the register brought to each Committee and Council meeting and may not make any comment whatsoever while the item is under discussion. They may, if they wish, remain in the meeting to observe the debate.
3. Where a member has an interest which is sufficient to give rise to a reasonable expectation that they will not be able to consider a matter impartially, for example where they have a close personal relationship with a party involved, where they have made a public and unequivocal statement of their views etc, this is a disclosable, but non-pecuniary, interest. They should declare this interest at the start of the meeting and may remain in the room and speak (provided members of the public would also be allowed to speak on this item). Members who have declared an interest of this type may not, however, vote on the item to which their interest applies.
4. Where a member becomes aware of an interest during discussion they must declare it immediately and act accordingly.
5. Members of the Planning Committee should continue to resolve at the start of each meeting that their views are preliminary and that those who are members of Herefordshire Council reserve their final position until all representations and facts have been considered.

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