



Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

Date: 21st March 2023

Committee: West Mercia Energy Joint Committee

Date: Tuesday, 21 March 2023

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Wilfred Owen Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting. The Agenda is attached

There will be some access to the meeting room for members of the press and public, but this will be limited. If you wish to attend the meeting please email democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check that a seat will be available for you.

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Tim Collard
Assistant Director - Legal and Governance

Members of West Mercia Energy Joint Committee

Herefordshire Council	L Harvey G Davies
Shropshire Council	G Butler D Carroll
Telford & Wrekin Council	L Carter R Evans
Worcestershire County Council	A Kent A Hardman

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AGENDA

1 Election of Chairman

To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.

2 Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

3 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

To appoint a Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

4 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To receive the minutes of the Joint Committee meeting held on 27th September 2022.

5 Public Questions

To receive any question or petitions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 5.00 p.m. on 15th March 2023.

6 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting as set out in Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct and consider if they should leave the room prior to the item being considered. Further advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

7 Supplier Contracts

The Director of West Mercia Energy Joint Committee will provide a **verbal update** in line with the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee Standing Orders.

- 8 External Audit Plan 2022/23** (Pages 5 - 18)
Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy.
Contact: Nigel Evans (0333 101 4424)
- 9 Internal Audit Performance Reports to February 2023** (Pages 19 - 44)
Report of the Principal Auditor.
Contact: Katie Williams (07584 217067)
- 10 Internal Audit Strategic Plan 2023/24** (Pages 45 - 48)
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- 11 Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2022/23** (Pages 49 - 52)
Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy.
Contact: Nigel Evans (0333101 4353)
- 12 Risk Management Update** (Pages 53 - 62)
Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy.
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- 13 Exclusion of Press and Public**
To consider a resolution under section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the proceedings in relation to the following items shall not be conducted in public on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Act.
- 14 Exempt Minutes** (Pages 63 - 64)
To approve the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2022.

15 Annual Business Plan and Budget 2023/24 including review of 2022/23
(Pages 65 - 104)

Exempt Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy.

Contact: Nigel Evans (0333101 4353)

16 Energy Governance, Accountability, Risk and Reporting Policy (Pages 105
- 144)

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17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the West Mercia Energy Joint Committee will be held on Tuesday, 26th September 2023 at 10.00 a.m. in the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall.