



Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Guildhall,
Frankwell Quay,
Shrewsbury
SY3 8HQ

Date: 6th March 2025

Committee:
West Mercia Energy Joint Committee

Date: Friday, 14 March 2025

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

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 - Councillors Graham Biggs & Peter Stoddart
Shropshire Council - Councillors Gwilym Butler & Dean Carroll
Telford & Wrekin Council - Councillors Zona Hannington & Ollie Vickers
Worcestershire County Council - Councillors Adam Kent & David Ross

Your Committee Officer is:

Shelley Davies Committee Officer

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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 Friday 20th September 2024.

Contact: Shelley Davies

5 Public Questions

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 12.00 p.m. on Monday 10th March 2025.

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

8 External Audit Plan 2024/25 (Pages 5 - 18)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy.

Contact: Nigel Evans

9 Internal Audit Performance Reports to March 2025 (Pages 19 - 60)

Report of the Head of Policy and Governance

Contact: Barry Hanson

10 Internal Audit Strategic Plan 2025/26 (Pages 61 - 64)

Report of the Head of Policy and Governance

Contact: Barry Hanson

11 Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2024/25 (Pages 65 - 68)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy.

Contact: Nigel Evans

12 Risk Management Update (Pages 69 - 80)

Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy.

Contact: Nigel Evans

13 Exclusion of Public and Press

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 81 - 84)

To approve the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2024.

Contact: Shelley Davies

15 Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025/26 including review of 2024/25
(Pages 85 - 134)

Exempt Report of the Director of West Mercia Energy

Contact: Nigel Evans

16 Date of Next Meeting

To discuss and agree the date of the next meeting.