

<b>Environment Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 10.00 am</b>	
<b>Cabinet Suite - Shire Hall, Gloucester</b>	
<b>AGENDA</b>	

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> To note any apologies for absence.	Chair
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> (Pages 1 - 6) To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2019.	Chair
<b>3</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Members of the Committee are invited to declare any pecuniary or personal interests relating to specific matters on the agenda.  Please see note (a) at the end of the agenda.	Chair
<b>4</b>	<b>MOTION 828: MAKING GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S COUNTRYSIDE SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE</b> (Pages 7 - 10)  <b>RESOLVED</b> that this Council notes the exceptional countryside in Gloucestershire and the significant economic and cultural benefits that this already gives to businesses and residents within the county.  However, this Council recognises that the county's countryside could be made safer and more accessible for people, including walkers, those with limited physical movement and equine users.  This Council also recognises that relatively small infrastructure	Cllr Colin Hay; Simon Excell

	<p>changes could further cement the county's position as a tourist destination of choice for country pursuits. Such improvements could include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safe connections between walking routes and bridlepaths</li> <li>2. Gates on walking paths and bridleways that are more accessible for all users and easier to open on a horse</li> <li>3. Well-drained surfaces in gateways</li> <li>4. Parking facilities on popular routes</li> </ol> <p>This Council resolves to send this matter to the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee, for consideration on how the Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership can work with the tourist industry to turn Gloucestershire into an centre of excellence for walkers and equine users, helping businesses develop new and innovative practices.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>BIODIVERSITY TASK GROUP UPDATE</b> (Pages 11 - 22)</p> <p>The Committee to receive a verbal update on the Biodiversity Task Group from Chair of the group Cllr Rachel Smith.</p>	Cllr Rachel Smith
<b>6</b>	<p><b>DIRECTOR'S REPORT, COMMUNITIES &amp; INFRASTRUCTURE</b> (Pages 23 - 46)</p> <p>Colin Chick, Strategic Adviser (Communities &amp; Infrastructure) to update the Committee on current issues.</p>	Colin Chick
<b>7</b>	<p><b>WORK PLAN</b> (Pages 47 - 48)</p> <p>To review the committee work plan and suggest items for consideration at future meetings. (Work plan attached).</p>	Chair
<b>8</b>	<p><b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>17 July 2019 18 September 2019 26 November 2019</p>	Chair

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(b) **INSPECTION OF PAPERS AND GENERAL QUERIES** - If you wish to inspect minutes or reports relating to any item on this agenda or have any other general queries about the



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meeting, please contact: Sophie Benfield, Democratic Services Adviser  
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