

Ledbury Town Council meeting Thursday 3rd December 2020

CLlr Phillip Howells – Ledbury West Ward Councillor's report

Since the last LTC meeting I have attended a number of Herefordshire Council meetings – all virtual of course.

There was a full Herefordshire Council meeting on 9th October. The main business was a debate on the governance model of the council which is currently based on a cabinet. A report by the Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee which recommended the implementation of a hybrid cabinet model at the council from May 2021 was accepted.

Discussion also took place on the decision of the executive to purchase the Maylords Shopping Centre and a motion to protect the hedgehog was passed, asking the executive *'to please consider ways in which Herefordshire Council can include measures for adaptation, mitigation and for the protection of Hedgehogs to a level comparable to that required for European Protected Species'*.

I've attended two meetings of the Children's Scrutiny Committee of which I am a member. The first to review the committee's thoughts on setting of work priorities and the second a two-part meeting on a council wide training of the scrutiny role and discussions on work priorities for the three main scrutiny committees of the council. I will have attended the next scrutiny meeting on 1st December, just before this meeting.

I've also attended:

- The Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board Annual Board meeting (I am the delegated HC Councillor)
- A Ward Councillors HC Planning 5-year housing supply training & briefing session
- A carers' strategy meeting
- A Councillors' public health briefing

I have also made representations to the executive following concerns that had been raised with me on Ledbury not being provided with a COVID Test and Trace facility similar to those implemented in the other larger market towns of Hereford, Leominster and Ross on Wye, to ask the basis of that decision and to ask what plans there were for a facility to also be based in Ledbury as soon as possible.